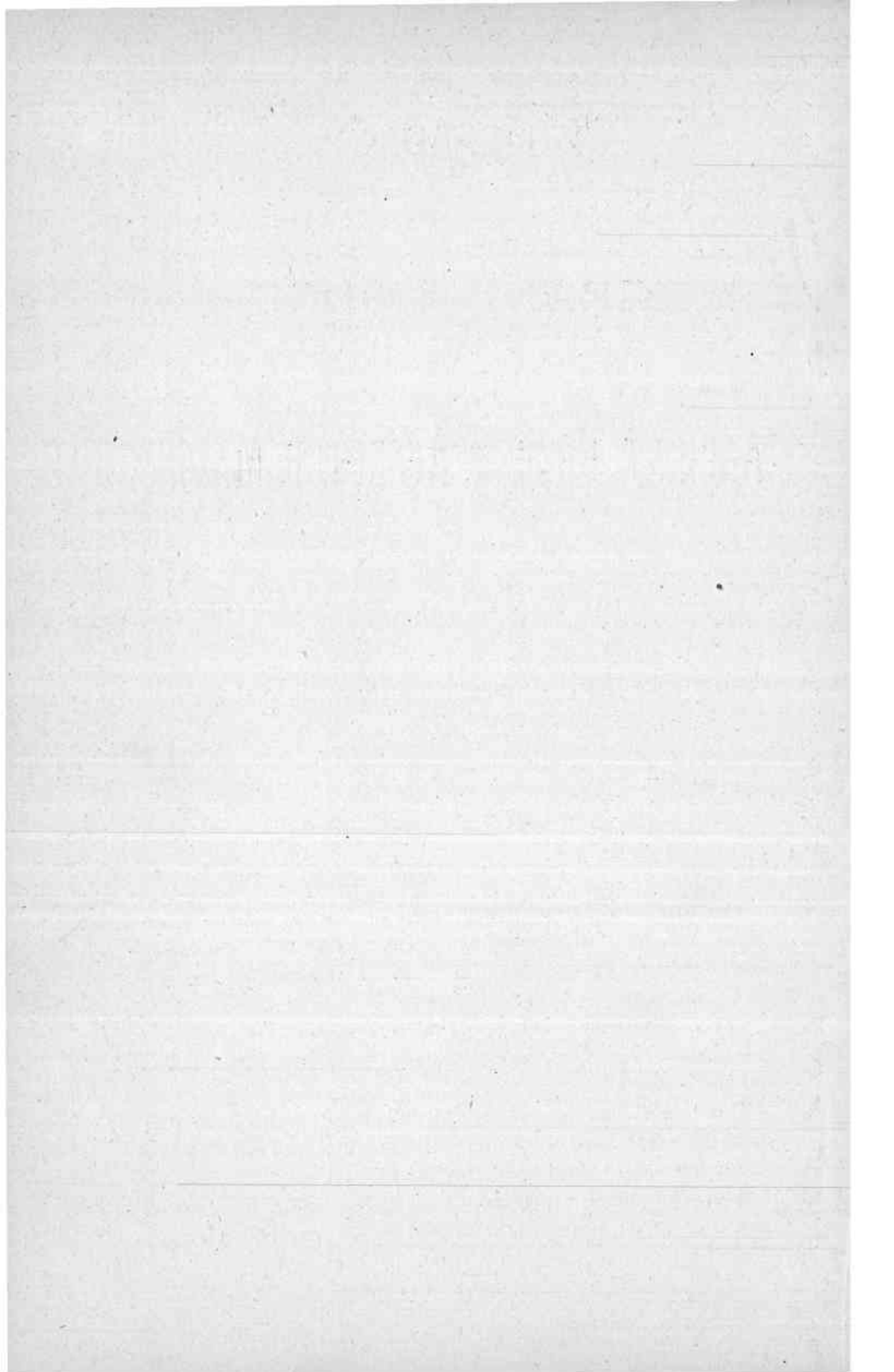


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
OF MINNESOTA
AT ITS
THIRTY-NINTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD
IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, JAN. 13 AND 14,
1892.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

M. W. ALPHONSO BARTO, Grand Master, Sauk Centre.
R. W. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

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OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA,
A. . F. . AND A. . M. .

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

FIRST DAY.

ST. PAUL, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, 1892.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota met in Grand Annual Communication in the new Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, A. D. 1892, A. . L. . 5892, at 12 M.

The Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons, preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges and reported one hundred and sixty-three represented out of one hundred and eighty-four active chartered lodges on the roll.

A majority being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. M. M. Clark (48) to act as his assistant during the session.

On motion of Bro. E. P. Barnum, all Master Masons in good standing were permitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

The Grand Secretary and Bros. L. Z. Rogers (32) and W. T. Rigby (28) were appointed as the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of all brethren entitled to attend; members and proxies present were noted and in a short time the report was ready. The following is the report as submitted and accepted and as amended by the committee:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials report that there are present the following members:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: W.: ALPHONSO BARTO.....	Grand Master.
R.: W.: WM. F. DICKINSON.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.: CHAS. D. BOYCE.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: H. C. SHEPARD.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: J. H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.: W.: THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	Grand Secretary.
W.: L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.: WM. B. PATTON.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.: O. C. HANSON.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W.: E. P. CASE.....	Grand Marshal.
W.: J. D. MARKHAM.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W.: GEO. BROOKINS.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.: JOHN S. NELSON.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W.: WM. W. FOOTE.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W.: J. C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M.: W.: CHAS. W. NASH.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: CHAS. GRISWOLD.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: E. W. DURANT.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: HENRY R. WELLS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: HENRY R. DENNY.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: R. H. GOVE.....	Past Grand Master.

M. W. JACOB A. KIESTER.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID B. LOOMIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEO. H. DAVIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. THOS. LOMBARD.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. SAMUEL E. ADAMS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDGAR NASH.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. L. Z. ROGERS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. LEE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. E. P. BARNUM.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. J. EDGERTON.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. H. SMITH.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. LA DUE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Thos. H. Warren, W. M. : Percy B. Smith, proxy for S. W. : Eller McKillar, J. W. :
Cataract, No. 2.....	C. E. Van Cleve, W. M. : F. W. Campbell, S. W. : E. S. Prince, J. W. :
St. Paul, No. 3.....	James F. Lawless, W. M. : Walter A. Johnson, S. W. : William A. Lindeke, J. W. :
Hennepin, No. 4.....	J. H. Randall, proxy for W. M. : James G. Houghton, S. W. :
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....	Andrew P. Swanstrom, W. M. : Chas. W. Nitterauer, S. W. : Frank H. Ribler, J. W. :
Dakota, No. 7.....	M. H. Sullivan, W. M. : Irving Todd, proxy for J. W. :
Red Wing, No. 8.....	Henry A. Buel, W. M. : D. M. Baldwin, proxy for J. W. :
Faribault, No. 9.....	W. Birch, S. W. : D. E. Goodman, J. W. :
Mantorville, No. 11.....	M. E. Mallory, W. M. : Wm. Edison, proxy for S. W. :
Mankato, No. 12.....	George W. Mead, W. M. :
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	C. J. Haines, W. M. : W. L. Lewark, S. W. :
Monticello, No. 16.....	H. A. Irvine, J. W. :
Hokah, No. 17.....	A. J. Snure, W. M. :
Winona, No. 18.....	J. R. Morton, W. M. : H. J. Willis, S. W. : H. W. Clark, proxy for J. W. :

Minneapolis, No. 19.....	Horace M. Myers, W.: M.: Chas. C. Curtiss, S.: W.: Geo. S. Greenleaf, J.: W.:
Caledonia, No. 20.....	Moses Emery, W.: M.:
Rochester, No. 21.....	Henry R. Hymes, W.: M.: A. T. Stebbins, proxy for S.: W.:
Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....	W. W. Parkinson, W.: M.: O. H. Page, proxy for S.: W.: and J.: W.:
North Star, No. 23.....	C. T. Fawcett, S.: W.:
Wilton, No. 24.....	John Elmore, W.: M.:
Western Star, No. 26.....	J. R. Halvorson, S.: W.: F. B. Fobes, proxy for J.: W.:
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27.....	L. G. Beebe, S.: W.:
Clearwater, No. 28.....	W. T. Rigby, proxy for lodge.
Morning Star, No. 29.....	R. Remp, W.: M.:
Anoka, No. 30.....	J. C. H. Engel, W.: M.: O. L. Cutter, proxy for S.: W.:
King Hiram, No. 31.....	C. S. Houston, J.: W.:
Sakatah, No. 32.....	Barkley Varner, W.: M.: Chas. A. Backman, W.: M.: H. E. Blair, proxy for S.: W.:
Star in the East, No. 33.....	M. G. Kimball, proxy for J.: W.:
Oriental, No. 34.....	C. W. Burdic, W.: M.:
Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....	Joseph H. Moetz, W.: M.: Henry Fieseler, W.: M.: J. L. Powers, proxy for J.: W.:
Preston, No. 36.....	Henry Nupson, S.: W.:
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	Henry Nupson, S.: W.:
Washington, No. 38.....	W. W. Jewell, W.: M.:
Fidelity, No. 39.....	T. J. Dykes, W.: M.: S. A. Emerson, W.: M.: C. L. West, proxy for S.: W.:
Carnelian, No. 40.....	N. F. Earl, J.: W.:
Hermon, No. 41.....	A. E. Smith, W.: M.: J. W. Kennedy, proxy for S.: W.:
Hope, No. 42.....	D. B. Scofield, W.: M.:
Harmony, No. 43.....	Luther W. Gilbert, W.: M.: D. Richardson, proxy for S.: W.:
King Solomon, No. 44.....	F. M. Curtis, W.: M.: O. W. Hunt, proxy for S.: W.:
Union, No. 45.....	H. J. Peck, W.: M.: Geo. McMullen, proxy for S.: W.:
Evergreen, No. 46.....	E. Hunsaker, W.: M.:
Concord, No. 47.....	Not represented. Corlett Hill, W.: M.: George Simpson, S.: W.:

Social, No. 48.....	Frank L. White, W.: M.: E. N. James, S.: W.: M. M. Clark, proxy for J.: W.:
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	Robert A. Johnson, W.: M.:
Watertown, No. 50.....	Not represented.
Acacia, No. 51.....	Irving T. Morey, W.: M.: Louis J. Crippen, J.: W.:
Cannon River, No. 52.....	George Molm, proxy for W.: M.: J. W. Jackson, J.: W.:
Nicollet, No. 54.....	Norman B. Patten, W.: M.: E. S. Pettijohn, proxy for S.: W.: Gid. S. Ives, proxy for J.: W.:
Zion, No. 55.....	W. X. Folsom, W.: M.:
Meridian, No. 56.....	Not represented.
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	Geo. F. Constans, W.: M.:
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	E. G. H. Adams, W.: M.: C. W. Nuthing, J.: W.:
Temple, No. 59.....	W. W. Sivright, W.: M.: P. H. White, S.: W.:
Star in the West, No. 60.....	P. Lamb, W.: M.: Lyman R. Barto, proxy for S.: W.: J. C. Jacobi, J.: W.:
Ashler, No. 61.....	A. F. Rockwell, W.: M.: F. Russell, S.: W.: C. E. Bondy, J.: W.:
Star, No. 62.....	Not represented.
Illustrious, No. 63.....	Geo. R. Hall, W.: M.:
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	James McHench, W.: M.:
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	R. H. Sanderson, W.: M.: Frank Jackson, S.: W.:
Madelia, No. 66.....	J. T. Furber, proxy for lodge.
Corinthian, No. 67.....	J. M. D. Craft, proxy for lodge.
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	Geo. W. Rockwell, W.: M.:
Paynesville, No. 71.....	Hugh Blakely, W.: M.:
Lansing, No. 72.....	Samuel C. Seavey, J.: W.:
Brownsville, No. 73.....	Not represented.
Eureka, No. 75.....	C. A. Roy, W.: M.:
Joppa, No. 76.....	Not represented.
Tuscan, No. 77.....	Not represented.
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	John Q. Briggs, W.: M.:
Palestine, No. 79.....	N. A. Gearhart, proxy for W.: M.: and S.: W.: T. W. Hugo, J.: W.:
Henderson, No. 80.....	J. D. Simpson, W.: M.: J. P. Kirby, proxy for S.: W.: J. B. Sharp, proxy for J.: W.:
Constellation, No. 81.....	Not represented.

Howard, No. 82.....	John F. Lauzer, W. . M. .
Huram Abi, No. 83.....	H. W. Brown, W. . M. .
	Peter J. Schwarz, proxy for J. . W. .
Orient, No. 84	Taylor Robinson, W. . M. .
High Forest, No. 85.....	C. N. Stewart, proxy for lodge.
Tyrian, No. 86.....	G. W. Hall, W. . M. .
Doric, No. 87.....	Not represented.
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Chris. Bertleson, S. . W. .
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Alex. Fiddes, W. . M. .
Antiquity, No. 91.....	Andrew Birum, W. . M. .
	E. D. French, proxy for S. . W. .
	M. E. Powell, proxy for J. . W. .
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Wm. Cordiner, W. . M. .
Unity, No. 93.....	A. W. Gordon, W. . M. .
Keystone, No. 94.....	L. P. Larson, W. . M. .
	L. C. Hanson, S. . W. .
Sherburne, No. 95	W. F. Chadbourne, W. . M. .
	William H. Shorey, S. . W. .
	Robert E. Dare, J. . W. .
Libanus, No. 96.....	M. E. Mullen, W. . M. .
Prudence, No. 97.....	Geo. E. Le Tourneau, W. . M. .
	W. A. Smith, J. . W. .
Charity, No. 98.....	Not represented.
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	A. Brandenburg, W. . M. .
Aurora, No. 100.....	Geo. H. Davis, W. . M. .
	Geo. N. Day, J. . W. .
Fraternity, No. 101.....	C. W. Smith, W. . M. .
	I. P. Durfee, proxy for S. . W. .
	W. S. Webb, J. . W. .
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	G. W. Franchere, W. . M. .
Sharon, No. 104.....	B. F. Jennes, proxy for lodge.
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	Geo. C. Bush, J. . W. .
Relief, No. 108.....	O. H. Phillips, W. . M. .
	G. W. Ballard, proxy for S. . W. .
	C. C. White, J. . W. .
Sunset, No. 109.....	W. H. Wells, W. . M. .
	Geo. M. Brown, proxy for J. . W. .
Pickwick, No. 110.....	Frank Sinclair, J. . W. .
Carver, No. 111.....	Edward Peterson, W. . M. .
	Oswald C. Brunius, S. . W. .
Khurum, No. 112.....	George B. Bower, W. . M. .
	Edward J. McMahon, S. . W. .
	James Elwin, proxy for J. . W. .
Excelsior, No. 113	A. S. Dimond, W. . M. .
Ben. Franklin, No. 114.....	Jens O. Helgeson, W. . M. .
Elgin, No. 115.....	H. C. Woodruff, S. . W. .

Lafayette, No. 116	D. L. Tanner, proxy for W.: M.: and S.: W.:
	A. B. Warren, J.: W.:
Granite, No. 117	Alfred R. Rowe, W.: M.:
Newport, No. 118	J. Q. Mackintosh, W.: M.:
	J. D. Carroll, S.: W.:
Delta, No. 119	J. B. Gibbons, S.: W.:
Grand Meadow, No. 121	Wm. H. Bentley, W.: M.:
Kellogg, No. 122	J. C. Parkhurst, S.: W.:
Prairie, No. 123	Not represented.
Janesville, No. 124	D. J. Dodge, W.: M.:
	F. H. Miner, S.: W.:
Winslow Lewis, No. 125	G. W. Savage, proxy for lodge.
Moorhead, No. 126	Henry W. Alsop, proxy for lodge.
Josephus, No. 128	Not represented.
Swift, No. 129	A. D. Aldrich, W.: M.:
Arcturus, No. 130	J. F. Oliva, proxy for lodge.
Alma, No. 131	Edward L. Stanley, W.: M.:
Humboldt, No. 132	J. D. Wagner, J.: W.:
Golden Sheaf, No. 133	O. C. Hanson, proxy for S.: W.:
	C. L. Brown, proxy for J.: W.:
Cokato, No. 134	John T. Olson, W.: M.:
Nelson, No. 135	Thos. Hellier, W.: M.:
Walnut, No. 136	Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137	A. D. Countryman, W.: M.:
	J. M. Peckinpugh, proxy for S.: W.:
	J. W. Wright, J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138	S. M. Sivertson, W.: M.:
	E. A. D. Salter, proxy for J.: W.:
Verndale, No. 139	Not represented.
Little Falls, No. 140	Not represented.
Crookston, No. 141	A. D. Stephens, proxy for lodge.
Currie, No. 142	Andrew R. Endersbee, W.: M.:
Lakeview, No. 143	John T. Crippen, W.: M.:
Melrose, No. 145	A. A. Whitney, W.: M.:
Benton, No. 146	John H. Hanson, W.: M.:
Canby, No. 147	D. W. Drummond, W.: M.:
	W. E. Drummond, proxy for S.: W.:
Quarry, No. 148	C. W. Gilmore, W.: M.:
	M. W. Ware, J.: W.:
Guardian, No. 149	R. S. Donaldson, W.: M.:
Warren, No. 150	L. Lamberson, W.: M.:
	G. S. Wattam, S.: W.:
	Emmit W. Rossman, proxy for J.: W.:
Chaska, No. 151	W. C. Odell, W.: M.:
Frontier, No. 152	John N. Fox, W.: M.:

Kodayah, No. 153.....	Amasa S. Crossfield, W.: M.: Frank C. Campbell, J.: W.:
Norman, No. 154.....	B. F. Ashelman, W.: M.:
Tracy, No. 155.....	H. M. Workman, W.: M.: J. S. Brown, S.: W.:
Wadena, No. 156.....	M. J. Katzky, J.: W.:
Perham, No. 157.....	C. L. Baxter, proxy for lodge.
Hector, No. 158.....	Smith Dewees, W.: M.:
Long Prairie, No. 159.....	Not represented.
Plymouth, No. 160.....	Leander O. Merriam, W.: M.: Oliver J. H. Martin, S.: W.:
	John Chadwick, J.: W.:
Sincerity, No. 161.....	W. R. Holly, W.: M.:
Prescott, No. 162.....	Geo. C. Bruggencate, S.: W.:
Summit, No. 163.....	Geo. L. Wilson, W.: M.: Robt. C. Hine, J.: W.:
Jasper, No. 164.....	S. C. Johnson, proxy for lodge.
Minnehaha, No. 165.....	Frank Gunther, W.: M.: Chas. H. Goodwin, J.: W.:
Garnet, No. 166.....	James M. King, W.: M.: Simeon O. Francis, S.: W.:
	Adam K. Getty, J.: W.:
Agate, No. 167.....	Not represented.
Braden, No. 168.....	Wm. Densmore, W.: M.: Geo. Brookins, proxy for S.: W.:
Pierson, No. 169.....	Frank D. Bell, W.: M.:
Fulda, No. 170.....	George D. Taylor, S.: W.:
	Ambrose A. Snider, J.: W.:
Shekinah, No. 171.....	George F. Dix, W.: M.: Edward L. Fales, J.: W.:
Marietta, No. 172.....	Beecher Fream, W.: M.: Charles J. Orton, S.: W.:
	Fred B. Smith, J.: W.:
Plumb Line, No. 173.....	Milton K. Nelson, W.: M.:
Valley, No. 174.....	W. F. Dougherty, W.: M.:
Roman Eagle, No. 175.....	A. J. Rice, W.: M.: J. C. Becker, S.: W.:
Ark, No. 176.....	A. Edgar Allen, W.: M.: Hiram W. Foote, S.: W.:
	Frank G. Wright, J.: W.:
Rough Ashler, No. 177.....	W. W. Thomson, S.: W.:
Anchor, No. 178.....	Geo. E. Putney, proxy for W.: M.:
King David, No. 179.....	G. B. Franklin, W.: M.:
Osakis, No. 180.....	Rasmus Flore, W.: M.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	Albert Cox, W.: M.: August Peterson, proxy for J.: W.:
Fair Haven, No. 182.....	L. H. Munger, W.: M.:

Pelican Rapids, No. 183.....	Not represented.
Shell, No. 184.	William H. Martin, W.: M.: P. D. Winship, proxy for J.: W.:
Midway, No. 185.....	Peter McCallum, W.: M.: Alfred Child, J.: W.:
Ionic, No. 186.....	Frank B. Lazier, W.: M.: Sheldon L. Frazer, S.: W.:
Arcana, No. 187.....	Geo. A. Reichard, W.: M.:
Fortitude, No. 188.....	Frank A. Blake, J.: W.:
Traverse, No. 189.....	S. W. Frasier, W.: M.: T. O. Thorson, proxy for S.: W.:
Triune, No. 190.....	John Fishel, W.: M.: A. C. Clausen, S.: W.: S. D. Mason, J.: W.:
Mizpah, No. 191.....	Blinn Converse, W.: M.:
Crow River, No. 192.....	Not represented.
Amboy, No. 193.....	C. M. Green, W.: M.:
Canton, No. 194.....	H. H. Haskins, W.: M.: D. A. Mosher, S.: W.:
Renville, No. 195.....	J. T. Brooks, W.: M.: J. H. Dale, S.: W.:
Geneva, No. 196.....	H. L. Hayden, W.: M.: S. R. Pryor, S.: W.: M. L. Snow, proxy for J.: W.:
Vermillion, No. 197.....	Not represented.
Euclid, No. 198.....	G. J. Mallory, W.: M.: Geo. H. Wright, S.: W.: D. M. De Vore, J.: W.:
Murray, No. 199.....	J. Henry Long, proxy for W.: M.: J. H. Low, S.: W.:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

R.: W.: CHARLES D. BOYCE.....	for British Columbia
M.: W.: E. W. DURANT.....	for Canada
M.: W.: A. BARTO.....	for Colon and Cuba and Michigan
R.: W.: T. MONTGOMERY.....	for Colorado
M.: W.: CHAS. GRISWOLD.....	for Connecticut
M.: W.: HENRY R. DENNY.....	for Delaware and Washington
R.: W.: E. P. BARNUM.....	for Florida and Idaho
M.: W.: R. H. GOVE.....	for Indian Territory and Utah
M.: W.: HENRY R. WELLS.....	for Iowa, North and South Dakota
R.: W.: C. L. BROWN.....	for Kansas
M.: W.: CHAS W. NASH.....	for Louisiana
R.: W.: L. Z. ROGERS.....	for Maine

R. W. J. H. THOMPSON.....	for New Jersey
M. W. J. A. KESTER.....	for New York, Nova Scotia and Texas
R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....	for Ohio
R. W. A. J. EDGERTON.....	for Rhode Island
R. W. WM. F. DICKINSON.....	for Tennessee
R. W. SAM. E. ADAMS.....	for Vermont

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

L. Z. ROGERS,

W. T. RIGBY,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, 1892.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock. Officers and members as at opening session.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Bros. Geo. H. Davis (100), A. La Due (32), H. M. Myers (19).

FINANCE.

Bros. E. W. Durant (1), D. B. Loomis (1), S. E. Adams (16), James F. Lawless (3).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Bros. H. R. Wells (36), Chas. Griswold (3), E. W. Durant (1), H. R. Denny (111), J. A. Kiester (57).

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

Bros. Chas. W. Nash (35), Thos. Lombard, Wm. Lee, C. H. Smith (101), S. A. Emerson (39).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Bros. J. A. Kiester (57), C. L. Brown (133), H. J. Peck (44), G. W. Rockwell (69), A. Brandenburg (99).

APPROPRIATIONS.

Bros. H. R. Wells (36), H. R. Denny (111), A. D. Countryman (137).

LODGES U. S. D. S.

Bros. R. H. Gove (21), Geo. H. Davis (100), O. H. Page (22), A. Fiddes (90).

PAY ROLL.

Bros. J. H. Thompson (19), E. P. Barnum (60), S. W. Frasier (189).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Bros. E. W. Durant (1), E. P. Barnum (60).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bros. Chas. Griswold (3), C. H. Smith (101).

Grand Master Barto then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Under the watchful care of that "All-Seeing Eye," which the sun, moon and stars obey, the earth has performed another great revolution, and we, as men and Masons, are to account for another year's duties and privileges.

I lay before you the work for the past masonic year for your approval or rejection, as to you shall seem for the best interest of the craft. I naturally feel some anxiety to have the work approved, but much more that it should be made by your careful pruning to be for the benefit welfare and prosperity of the order.

This Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon the prosperity of the country at large, and especially of this state.

The Entered Apprentices have wrought with zeal and fidelity; the Fellow Crafts have cultivated with care, and the Master Workman has found nature returning, with prodigal hand, the fruits of his toil.

Masonry always prospers under the white robe of peace, and this year has been no exception to the rule. Peace has reigned within our borders and prosperity has blessed the land.

NEW LODGES CONSTITUTED AND CHARTERS DELIVERED.

The Grand Lodge at its last session granted eleven charters to new lodges, which were constituted as follows:

Traverse Lodge, No. 189, at Wheaton, Traverse county, was constituted Feb. 24, 1891, by W. S. Bro. C. L. Brown, acting as my proxy.

Triune Lodge, No. 190, at Merriam Park, Ramsey county, was constituted by me, Feb. 3, 1891, its officers installed and its charter delivered. This lodge started with good prospects and the District Deputy reports it as doing good work.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 191, at South St. Paul, was constituted by R. . W. . Bro. Thomas Montgomery, acting as my proxy, March 24, 1891.

Crow River Lodge, No. 192, at New London, Kandiyohi county, was constituted by me, Feb. 9, 1891, and its charter delivered with every prospect of good work.

Amboy Lodge, No. 193, at Amboy, Blue Earth county, was constituted, March 30, 1891, by W. . Bro. William R. Cullen, acting as my proxy.

Canton Lodge, No. 194, at Canton, Fillmore county, was constituted by M. . W. . Bro. H. R. Wells, acting as my proxy, Feb 17, 1891.

Renville Lodge, No. 195, at Renville Station, was constituted by W. . Bro. M. C. Sullivan, acting as my proxy, Feb. 12, 1891.

Geneva Lodge, No. 196, at Madison, Lac qui Parle county, was constituted by W. . Bro. A. D. Countryman, acting as my proxy, March 5, 1891.

Vermillion Lodge, No. 197, at Tower, St. Louis county, was constituted by W. . Bro. W. B. Patton, acting as my proxy, Feb 24, 1891.

Euclid Lodge, No. 198, at West Duluth, St. Louis county, was constituted by W. . Bro. W. B. Patton, acting as my proxy, Feb. 3, 1891.

Murray Lodge, No. 199, at Slayton, Murray county, was constituted by W. . Bro. C. W. Gilmore, acting as my proxy, Jan. 31, 1891.

These new lodges are most of them doing reasonably well.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

I have during the year carefully revised and approved the by-laws of the eleven new lodges chartered at your last meeting, and have examined and approved the amendments proposed by about twenty of the subordinate lodges.

The reports of the District Deputies show that they have visited nearly all the lodges, carefully examined the by-laws, and found them constitutional and approved by the Grand Master, and when not so, attention was called to the fact and corrections made.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On the first day of July, 1891, I received an invitation from the board of county commissioners of Hennepin county and the city council of the city of Minneapolis, for this Grand Lodge to lay the corner stone of the court house and city hall at Minneapolis, on July 16th, which I accepted, and immediately directed that R. . E. . Sir M. E. Powell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the state, be invited to furnish an escort for the Grand Lodge on that occasion. I also appointed R. . W. . C. D. Boyce, Senior Grand Warden; R. . W. . J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer; and R. . W. . J. M. Williams, District Deputy Grand Master, as an executive committee on the part of the Grand Lodge to make all necessary preparations for the ceremony.

On the day and at the hour designated by the committee, nearly every officer of this Grand Lodge was present and in his place, and, together

with nearly all Past Grand Masters of the state and many eminent craftsmen, we proceeded to the spot, and, in the presence of thousands of people, gathered to view the scene, laid the corner stone with the beautiful ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. P. B. Winston, mayor of the city, delivered an opening address, and after the ceremonies by the Grand Lodge, Bro. F. F. Davis delivered a most excellent historical and patriotic oration.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to R. V. E. Sir Knight M. E. Powell and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the efficient escort furnished on that occasion, and to the brethren composing the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge. So well had that committee performed its duty, that no discord or confusion was seen among the workmen, but from beginning to end the arrangements were perfect in every detail.

I shall ever feel proud of the honor of being your representative on that occasion and of laying, for this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, the corner stone of the finest and most expensive public building in this new Northwest.

On the twenty-seventh day of August I received an invitation to lay the corner stone of the new court house of Lyon county, at Marshall, Sept. 3, 1891; but having made arrangements to be absent at that time from the state, I requested R. V. W. Deputy Grand Master W. F. Dickinson to act as Grand Master in the performance of that duty. Brother Dickinson acted promptly, as usual, and attended at the time and place, and with the assistance of Bro. F. S. Brown, acting as Deputy Grand Master; R. V. W. H. C. Shepard, Junior Grand Warden; R. V. W. E. P. Case, Grand Marshal; R. V. W. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain, and the brethren of Delta and Tracy lodges, laid the stone according to the forms and customs of our fraternity.

My thanks are especially tendered to Brother Dickinson and the brethren who so kindly assisted him in the performance of this duty.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

There have been granted during the masonic year dispensations for new lodges, as follows:

Kenyon Lodge, at Kenyon, Goodhue county, Jan. 23, 1891: M. H. Silvernail, Worshipful Master; John Holm, Senior Warden, and E. A. Kramer, Junior Warden.

Venus Lodge, at Dawson, Lac qui Parle county, July 13, 1891: Alvin M. Crowell, Worshipful Master; Charles A. Dano, Senior Warden, and Harry L. Trimble, Junior Warden.

Wayzata Lodge, at Wayzata, Hennepin county, Oct. 6, 1891: F. F. Favrow, Worshipful Master; L. R. Thurston, Senior Warden, and William Bushnell, Junior Warden.

Stewartville Lodge, at Stewartville, Olmsted county, Oct. 14, 1891: Freeman B. Horton, Worshipful Master; C. N. Stewart, Senior Warden, and S. J. Sanborn, Junior Warden.

St. Elmo Lodge, at Jasper, Pipestone county, Nov. 28, 1891: Herbert D. Jenckes, Worshipful Master; James H. Taylor. Senior Warden, and Andrew Rae, Junior Warden.

These brethren will present their work for inspection, and, if approved, charters should be granted them.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

Applications have been presented for new lodges which have been refused by me as follows: Brother Pitt Pray and others applied to start a new lodge at Eden Valley, Stearns county; Bro. J. M. Peckinpugh and others, to start a new lodge at Olivia, Renville county; Bro. J. F. Stone and others, to start a new lodge at Pine City, Pine county; Bro. A. B. French and others, to start a new lodge at Kasota, Le Sueur county; Bro. C. G. Bomers and others, to start a new lodge at Staples, Todd county.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have during the year granted special edicts and dispensations to subordinate lodges and brethren as follows:

To move lodges from one room to another.

To elect and install a Secretary.

To elect officers under new by-laws.

To confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees the same evening in a case of great emergency.

To hold masonic festivals on February 22d.

To allow a lodge near the border of this state to waive its jurisdiction over material in favor of a nearer lodge in the adjoining state.

To rent lodge room to other societies, always under proper restrictions.

To occupy an upper room in a school house temporarily.

To attend divine services as a lodge on St. John's day, June 24th.

To celebrate St. John's day as a lodge, June 24th.

To elect officers at different time from that provided in the by-laws, on condition that every brother is duly notified.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS REFUSED.

I have refused the following applications during the year for special permission to do certain acts:

To receive petition on less than one year's residence.

To join in memorial days' services as a lodge.

To ballot on petition of a candidate in less than six months after rejection.

To allow the son of a Mason (formerly called a Lewis) to petition for the degrees before he is of lawful age.

To allow a profane to apply for degrees out of the jurisdiction where he actually resides.

To waive jurisdiction and allow a profane to apply for and receive the degrees while on a visit to his old home in another state.

To issue a circular asking relief for the widow of a non-affiliate Mason.

Many other applications have been made to me during the year to allow the craft to do things not in accord with the teachings of our profession. They have in nearly every case been refused on the ground that bad precedents should not be made.

DECISIONS RENDERED.

I deem it proper to submit the following decisions for your approval or rejection, as they embrace more or less new questions not yet passed upon by this Grand Lodge.

1. *Statement.*—A gentleman was duly initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Star in the East Lodge, No. 880, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England on the Island of Zante, Greece, in 1871. He now petitions our lodge for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees and membership therein, submitting a diploma or certificate signed by the officers and impressed with the seal of said Star in the East Lodge.

Question.—Have we a right to receive his petition and confer the degrees?

Answer.—Yes. If a brother receives the Entered Apprentice degree under the jurisdiction of any lodge in the United States, I should, as a matter of practice and custom, ask the consent of the lodge that conferred that degree before receiving and acting upon his petition, and I think most of the Grand Lodges of this continent recognize the principle that the lodge that receives a petition and confers the Entered Apprentice degree, has exclusive jurisdiction over the material. They do not all hold to that doctrine, however, but this is a different case. The Grand Lodge of England does not, I think, hold to exclusive personal jurisdiction. They have lodges scattered nearly all over the Eastern world, and, as in this case, they give certificates to a brother when he receives the Entered Apprentice degree. That may be treated as a dimit. It may be so done in this case, and the degrees conferred, if elected.

2. *Statement.*—At a regular communication of the lodge a warrant was authorized for a certain amount of money. At the third regular meeting thereafter a motion was made to reconsider the action of the lodge in that matter.

Question.—Ought the Worshipful Master to entertain the motion?

Answer.—No. Neither parliamentary or masonic law would justify the reconsideration of a motion so long after it had been passed, and especially where money had been voted.

3. *Question.*—Can a brother in good standing who is Master or Warden of a chartered lodge be designated as Master or Warden of a lodge under dispensation?

Answer.—Yes. The lodge under dispensation is under the direction of the Grand Lodge, and any brother in good standing may be designated to act as Master or Warden.

There have been many questions asked by Masters, Wardens, lodges and brethren, nearly all of which might have been answered by turning to the law of this jurisdiction, as found in Todd's Digest. I cite the following merely as samples of questions asked:

Question.—Can the degrees be conferred on more than five candidates at the same meeting?

Question.—Should a ballot be ordered upon the unfavorable report of an investigating committee?

Question.—Does a majority of the actual resident members of a lodge (all having been summoned) make a quorum for the trial of an accused brother?

Question.—Has a chartered lodge the right to consent to the conferring of degrees by a new lodge upon a candidate, living within the jurisdiction of said new lodge, who had been elected in the chartered lodge?

Question.—When a candidate has been elected and received the Entered Apprentice degree, and several years have elapsed before he applies for the other degrees, should another ballot be taken?

Question.—Can a profane move from the jurisdiction of a chartered lodge into that of a lodge under dispensation and petition for the degrees without the one year's residence?

Question.—A man whose business does not permit of a permanent residence wishes to petition for the degrees without the year's residence; can the lodge receive and act upon his petition?

Question.—Does a frivolous objection stop a candidate after he is elected?

Question.—A non-affiliate applies to a lodge for membership and is rejected; can he apply again to the same lodge within six months?

Question.—Can he demand a hearing?

Question.—Can a vote by which he was rejected be reconsidered at the next stated meeting?

Question.—Can a brother who has had the degree conferred by request in a different lodge from the one where he was elected sign the by-laws by proxy?

Question.—Can a lodge collect dues from a brother while under suspension?

Question.—In the absence of a Master can a Past Master open and close the lodge?

Question.—Can a brother being present be excused from voting?

Question.—A brother took the Entered Apprentice degree in a lodge that was annihilated by the war; can he now apply for Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees?

Question.—Can a man who has lost his left hand be made a Mason?

Question.—A candidate presents his petition to a lodge, is elected and presents himself for initiation, but retires while there is yet time and refuses to go further; should the fee be returned to him?

Question.—Can an American born citizen of middle age, who can neither read nor write, be made a Mason?

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

This perplexing subject has been the cause of every complaint made by one lodge against another during the masonic year. If investigating committees would faithfully perform their duty, there would never be a complaint except for a willful violation of the jurisdiction of one lodge by another.

It is just as much the duty of the committee to report that material belongs to another lodge, as to whether the candidate is worthy and well qualified; and the doctrine of an air line from the residence of the candidate to the nearest lodge has been so often promulgated and strictly adhered to within this jurisdiction that it seems superfluous to repeat it, and yet every Grand Master has the same experience.

Two cases have come under my observation that have been very perplexing, and perhaps are not yet fully settled.

I have explained fully, time and again, both to brethren and lodges, the law upon this question, and yet it seems they do not understand it or willfully violate it.

What can be done? is the question.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The brethren who have occupied the position of District Deputies for the past year, I fear, have hardly received the credit due for the hard work and faithful service performed. I must say, that in every instance the District Deputies when called upon have responded promptly, and the reports on file with the Grand Secretary show that most of the lodges in the jurisdiction have been visited, that they have given much valuable advice and assistance, and must have spent much time and some money in the performance of their duties.

The reports of these officers for the past year show careful and thorough study, and have been much help to me in the discharge of my duties. I wish to especially commend the reports from the fourteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-ninth districts. My thanks are due to D.: D.: R. S. Miles of the twenty-second district for special work done in emergency, with judgment and discretion.

LODGE ROOMS DAMAGED AND DESTROYED.

On Jan. 23, 1891, the hall of Ark Lodge, No. 176, was damaged by fire, but nearly all the lodge property was saved and the loss fully covered by insurance. They were somewhat inconvenienced, and held one or two meetings in the parlor of their lodge room, by my permission, and they are now again in comfortable quarters.

On April 26, 1891, the lodge room of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 49, at St. Charles, was burned with all its contents, including lodge furniture, jew-

els and charter. As soon as I was notified of their misfortune I sent them dispensation under which to work until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and directed that the Grand Lodge reports be sent them by the Grand Secretary so far as he had them in stock. I recommend that a duplicate charter be issued to them without fee.

May 18, 1891, the lodge room of Alma Lodge, No. 131, at Lyle, was burned, together with all its contents, including furniture, regalia and charter. I granted them dispensation under which to work until this meeting, and such relief as I could command at the time. I recommend that duplicate charter be granted to them without fee.

Dec. 4, 1891, the lodge room of Tracy Lodge, No. 155, was destroyed, but the charter was saved and the loss nearly covered by insurance.

BIRD ISLAND LODGE, NO. 144.

Regarding this lodge, I have felt compelled to perform the hardest and saddest duty of the year. On Dec. 2, 1891, I received a letter from a Past Master of the above lodge, stating the following facts, viz.: At a regular meeting of the lodge held on the evening of November 21st, a candidate was balloted upon and the ballot reported dark by the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master. The lodge was then called to refreshments and all left the room and went to a store where they remained some time; after which a part of the brethren returned to the lodge room. After waiting some time, there not being enough to close in form, the lights were put out, the room locked, and most of the brethren went home. After the brother who makes the report had gone home, a few of the brethren, including the officers, went back to the hall and sent for one brother, who was in bed, and upon his arrival at the lodge, the officers opened the lodge, took a second ballot upon the candidate and declared him elected.

Upon receipt of the letter, I immediately telegraphed the Master, "Do no more work in masonic lodge until you receive my letter of this date." On the same day I wrote him the substance of the charge, and asked him for an explanation. I also forbade his doing any more work without my permission. On the eighth of December I received a letter from him admitting the facts substantially as stated, and saying that the brother had withdrawn his objection, and that on December 1st, before he received my telegram, he had called a special meeting and conferred the first degree upon the candidate. That he had now invited Bro. R. S. Miles, District Deputy, to visit them on the fifth. On the ninth, I received the report of Bro. Miles, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 21, 1891.

I immediately directed Bro. R. S. Miles, District Deputy Grand Master, to proceed to Bird Island, and in my name to demand the charter of Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, A. : F. : & A. : M. :, and return the same to me, to be presented to the Committee on Masonic Jurispru-

dence, together with all the facts and correspondence, and before whom the officers of the lodge might appear and present their case, if they so desired.

I afterwards had an interview with the Master, Brother Crowley and Brother Bowler, a member of the lodge, in which they urged me to return them the charter, which I declined to do, but permitted any member of the lodge to appear before the committee and make any explanation they saw fit. The charter, together with all the correspondence in the case, is now with the Grand Secretary, and will be handed to the chairman of the committee when appointed.

MASONIC HOME.

On or about the twentieth day of July, 1891, I received a letter from C. A. Whited, Secretary of Rochester Lodge, No. 21, inclosing resolutions passed by his lodge regarding a masonic home, and asking my approval of an amendment to their articles of incorporation, allowing them to tax each member for such purpose. This letter became accidentally mislaid and was not found until August 15th.

In the meantime, about July 21st or 22d, I received a letter from Bro. E. W. Mortimer, saying that Khurum Lodge, No. 112, would take action on the establishment of a masonic home and asking me to indorse the same.

On July 26th I received from the Secretary of Khurum Lodge a copy of the resolutions passed, asking my official sanction of the same. I have long hoped that this Grand Lodge might be able at some time to establish a great charity of this kind. The matter is a very important one, and ought not to be undertaken without thorough investigation and a careful study of the workings of like institutions in other jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge has been many years accumulating a widows' and orphans' fund, that ought not to be used without careful and candid consideration, and yet if a home could be established and maintained this fund should be used for that purpose.

I have not yet had an opportunity to investigate the matter to my own satisfaction, and would recommend that a committee of five be raised by this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to investigate the establishment and support of masonic homes throughout the country, and to report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge as to the practicability of establishing and maintaining a masonic home in this jurisdiction.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have had the honor to commission as Grand Representatives from this to other Grand Bodies the following brethren:

Feb. 4, 1891, I directed commission to issue to R. W. Edward Tweedy as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

April 21, 1891, to R.: W.: Samuel Bond Hinckley, near the Grand Lodge of California.

Sept. 8, 1891, to R.: W.: J. Q. A. Braden, near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Oct. 30, 1891, to R.: W.: Geo. A. Viets, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Nov. 1, 1891, to R.: W.: Wm. Henry Pleasants, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Dec. 14, 1891, to R.: W.: N. B. Ufford, near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

There have been commissioned as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

March 19, 1891, R.: W.: Wm. F. Dickinson, from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

July 15, 1891, M.: W.: Alphonso Barto, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Aug. 20, 1891, R.: W.: Thomas Montgomery, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Nov. 18, 1891, R.: W.: C. L. Brown, from the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Dec. 18, 1891, R.: W.: Chas. D. Boyce, from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

DEATHS AND OBITUARIES.

It becomes my duty to announce the death of D.: D.: G.: M.: Thomas C. Bivans. He was born in Clarence, New York, Sept. 1, 1832, and died, at his home in Brainerd, Minn., July 31, 1891. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Aurora Lodge, No. 100, on the seventh day of December, 1872, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Dec. 27, 1872, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, Jan. 22, 1873. In the year 1875 he served as Junior Warden of Aurora Lodge, and in 1876 as Senior Warden, and in the year 1877 was elected Worshipful Master and reelected at the following annual election; serving as Worshipful Master for two years with great fidelity to the order and satisfaction to the lodge.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in December, 1884, by Grand Master H. R. Denny, and held that office during the years 1885 and 1886. He was again appointed to that office, in 1890, by Grand Master Kiester, and continued therein to the time of his death.

Brother Bivans was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Grand Master Brown and held that office during the year 1888.

In all of these positions of honor Brother Bivans acquitted himself creditably, both to himself and the fraternity which he loved so well. "His death was untimely and his brethren mourn."

VISITATIONS.

On the sixth day of October I enjoyed the high privilege of meeting with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, at Chicago. I was received, as the representative of this Grand Lodge, with all the honors that could be accorded to a Grand Master, and I bring back to you the good wishes and kind courtesy of that Grand Lodge. I also met there Bro. David McClellan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also the Grand Treasurer of that jurisdiction.

These visitations to other jurisdictions are both pleasant and profitable. They give us a view of the workings of the craft throughout the great masonic world.

By invitation, I visited Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, at St. Paul, October 29th, and saw the Master Mason degree well conferred, and enjoyed a pleasant social evening.

On the evening of Jan. 7, 1892, I visited, by invitation, Minneapolis Lodge, No. 19, and installed its officers. After which the members of the lodge, their ladies and invited guests enjoyed a rare musical and intellectual treat.

RETROSPECT OF THE YEAR.

The year past has been a happy and prosperous one for the craft within this jurisdiction. There have been few losses and no great calamity.

The rider with the pale horse has called but few of the prominent brethren to that Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, but peace and prosperity, health and happiness, have been enjoyed throughout the masonic year.

RETROSPECT OF THIS GRAND LODGE.

On the twenty-third day of February, 1853, three subordinate lodges met in this city and formed this Grand Lodge. They were St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, of Stillwater, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio; St. Paul Lodge, No. 1, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; and Cataract Lodge, No. 168, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. As near as can be ascertained, there were then about sixty Masons in good standing in this territory.

This Grand Lodge has met every year, with one exception, from 1853 until the present, and we now number one hundred and ninety-nine chartered lodges and nearly 13,000 Masons in good standing, with but little more than half of our territory occupied.

The northern part of our beautiful state is now a wilderness unknown—masonically. It abounds in all that pertains to material prosperity.

Its mineral wealth is almost fabulous, while its lumbering and agricultural resources are wonderful in their extent and fertility. As the fashioning hand of Civilization seizes this prize and moulds it to her will, our beloved institution will follow and carry its benign influence into the uttermost parts, and we shall then enjoy living under one of the richest and most prosperous jurisdictions in this our beloved country.

LEGISLATION.

The expenses of this Grand Lodge for the year 1890 exceeded its income, and although that was a year of extraordinary expense, yet I think the Grand Lodge dues should be fifty instead of forty cents, and I would recommend accordingly.

I know of no other legislation of importance to come before this session, and I am very glad to so inform you, for I think the danger is in having too much law and too little knowledge of it among the craft. A careful study of the law we now have will prepare a man of ordinary intelligence to "rule and govern his lodge" with credit to himself and profit to the craft, and but few questions would need to be submitted to the Grand Master for his decision.

CONCLUSION.

When you conferred upon me the great honor of presiding over this Grand Lodge for the year, I resolved that my best efforts should be given to this work. It was an honor I had never dared hope to attain, and I have appreciated it more than words can tell. I have erred, because it is human to err. I have left undone things that should have been done and perhaps done things that ought not to have been done, but the error has been of the head and not of the heart. I have done my best, and I now return to you the trust committed to my care with the consciousness of having done what I could to build up our beloved institution within this jurisdiction.

That the richest blessings of a kind Providence may always be enjoyed by this Grand Lodge, is the wish of

ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 13, 1892.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address for subdivision and reference.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary read the following report:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I am proud of the privilege of presenting my third annual report as Grand Secretary from the Southeast of this magnificent lodge room, said to be the largest and finest in the United States—placed freely at our disposal by the Masonic Union of this city—and am pleased to congratulate the craft of Minnesota on the evidences of peace and prosperity that are nearly everywhere apparent throughout our extensive jurisdiction. The tabulated returns show our membership to be 12,830, a net gain of 521. Eleven new lodges have been constituted; seven others have been working under dispensation. Leaving out No. 144, whose charter was arrested, we now have one hundred and eighty-four active chartered lodges, and will be called upon to grant charters to the seven under dispensation. Two thousand eight hundred and seven degrees have been conferred, ranging from ninety-four in one lodge down to one. The respective gains and losses will appear in detail in the table of lodge returns. One hundred and thirteen lodges show a gain, twenty-four have neither gained nor lost, while forty-seven show a falling off in membership.

The lodges vary in membership from 10 to 525. Those over 200 are Minneapolis, No. 19, with 525; Ancient Landmark, No. 5, St. Paul, 478; Hennepin, No. 4, Minneapolis, 418; Cataract, No. 2, Minneapolis, 373; Khurum, No. 112, Minneapolis, 312; Palestine, No. 79, Duluth, 248; Winona, No. 18, with 218, and St. Paul, No. 3, with 205. These eight lodges contain 2,777 members, being considerably over one-fifth of all in the state. The average of all the lodges is 70. There are eight lodges in Minneapolis, with a membership of 2,068, and seven in St. Paul, with 1,124 members. Together the Twin Cities contain about one-fourth of our entire membership. The largest net gain, which is 44, is in Minneapolis, No. 19, which also conferred the greatest number of degrees, 94. Those ranking next in the number of degrees conferred are Ancient Landmark, No. 5, with 75 degrees; Hennepin, No. 4, with 65; Midway, No. 185, with 53, and St. Paul, No. 3, with 50. The greatest percentage of increase is found in Vermillion, No. 197, at Tower, viz., from 10 to 22, and in Midway, No. 185, at Hamline, from 27 to 57—a remarkable growth.

The finances are in good condition. The receipts show a gratifying increase over last year, and I am happy to inform you that the expenditures have been very materially reduced.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Before the adjournment of the last session I secured the signatures of the Grand Officers to the eleven charters then granted, and after recording same they were duly forwarded to the Grand Master or proxy designated by him to constitute these lodges. The commissions issued to said proxies were severally returned to me with their reports and placed on file.

In no case was charter delivered until the dimits of petitioners who wished to become charter members were obtained and charter fee paid.

By order of the Grand Master, dispensations for the formation of new lodges were issued, as reported in his address; the fee of twenty dollars being paid in each case. The lodges at Springfield and Wistoka had their dispensations renewed without fee. A condition precedent to the issue of dispensation is that petitioners shall give evidence of their masonic standing by filing with petition either receipts for dues for the current year or dimits from their former lodges.

The jurisdiction having been divided by the Grand Master into thirty-four districts, on the fourth day of February I issued commissions to the several District Deputy Grand Masters designated by him, assigned them their respective districts, and issued a circular letter defining their duties.

I also, by order of the Grand Master, issued commissions to the several Grand Representatives mentioned by him in his address, and had the pleasure of being the medium of transmitting commissions to a number of brethren in our own state who were honored by appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

It was my pleasure, also, to be present, with the other Grand Lodge officers, and assist the Grand Master in the interesting exercises connected with the laying of the corner stone of the new court house and city hall at Minneapolis, July 16th last.

The usual number of copies of the proceedings of the last session were printed and distributed as soon as practicable after its close.

During the past year, finding the old office of the Grand Secretary too small to properly accommodate the increasing business and accumulation of proceedings and books, after conferring with the presiding officers of the several Grand Bodies which I have the honor to serve, and others, I moved to other rooms in the same building, doubled the shelving capacity, and for the first time since I took charge of the office have succeeded in getting everything arranged in an orderly manner. Even now the rooms are crowded, and more space will be needed before many years. No additional expense for rent has been incurred; on the contrary, the rent has been considerably reduced the past year.

While I have given my whole time to the duties of the office, and have been greatly assisted by members of my family for the past month, yet I have failed for want of time to reach that point where I could say I was fully abreast of my work. Miss Lida Pierson has posted the Grand Lodge register from the returns of 1889, a task not required of her, but which she felt was her duty to do under the arrangement of last year. During the coming year the returns of 1890 and 1891 can be posted in register, and then Grand Lodge numbers can be sent out to all the lodges. The cash book and ledger are posted to date. The new blank for lodge returns has greatly facilitated the work of the Secretaries, as is shown in more correct reports.

Discrepancies exist in many lodges between the number of members reported and the actual facts, and reach back many years. I have been written to for information as to how many and who the members are of particular lodges, as if I should know better than the local Secretary. Even in some of the largest city lodges this office has been invoked to aid in determining their correct membership. This cannot be done accurately from the returns on file, as not a single old lodge in the state has a full set of correct returns. And yet I deem it of the utmost importance that the Grand Secretary should know at all times the exact condition numerically of every subordinate lodge, with a view, among other reasons, of determining their financial liability to the Grand Lodge.

The system of registration recommended in my report last year has proved of inestimable value in the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery work, and has been adopted by the Grand Council without solicitation on my part. While I do not care to urge its adoption unless its benefits are apparent, I nevertheless feel the need of just such a register, and would be pleased to have the Grand Lodge authorize and provide for its preparation.

PHOTOTYPES.

The phototypes of all Past Grand Masters having been secured, this year's proceedings will be embellished with the portrait of our present M. W. Grand Master, Brother Barto, only.

LIBRARY.

Nothing need be added to what has already been said concerning the library, which is now in presentable shape and which has been largely increased by the addition of numerous books the past year, many of them valuable historical works. A catalogue is being prepared and should be printed when complete.

The periodicals mentioned last year have been continued, and are arranged for immediate reference and use.

REDUCTION OF FARE.

All the railroads traversing Minnesota have been asked for the customary reduced fare to bodies of this kind, and the request has been complied with in each case.

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from all the lodges, except Jasper, under dispensation, accompanied by a remittance for fees and dues. I regret to say that over a dozen did not reach me till this week, thus materially hindering your Grand Secretary in the work of tabulating same and preparing lists for officers and committees before the opening of Grand Lodge.

The following is a statement of the receipts of my office during the past year:

Charter fees, lodges 189 to 199 inclusive.....	\$275 00
Dispensation fees, five new lodges.....	100 00
Fees and dues from 184 lodges, as appears in detail in cash book.....	7,384 40
Sundries from delinquent lodges at last session.....	10 60
Total receipts, now in my hands.....	<u>\$7,770 00</u>

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer read the following reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

I herewith submit my reports for the past year:

J. H. THOMPSON, Grand Treasurer,
In account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

RECEIPTS.

1891.		
Jan. 15.	Cash on hand as per last report.....	\$2,142 32
Jan. 15.	Cash received from Grand Secretary.....	7,177 60
		\$9,319 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

1891.	No. of Order.	IN WHOSE FAVOR DRAWN.	FOR WHAT PAID.		
Jan.	15	26	G. W. Franchere.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 103..	\$0.40
"	15	1	M. M. Clark.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.....	25.00
"	15	2	J. A. Kiester.....	Grand Master's expenses.....	300.00
"	15	3	J. C. Fischer.....	Grand Tyler, wreaths, etc.....	28.50
"	15	4	T. Montgomery.....	Foreign Correspondence report.....	250.00
"	15	5	T. Montgomery.....	Contingent expenses of office.....	175.00
"	15	6	T. Montgomery.....	Office rent.....	100.00
"	15	7	T. Montgomery.....	Office furniture.....	100.00
"	15	8	J. H. Thompson.....	Pay roll, 1891.....	2,015.07
"	15	9	Mrs. C. D. Colby.....	Relief, Lodge No. 54.....	25.00
"	15	10	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, first month.....	60.00
"	15	11	W. M. Griswold.....	Fees and dues returned, Lodge No. 133..	42.40
"	15	12	George L. Key.....	Relief, Lodge No. 54.....	25.00
"	15	13	Geo. R. Babbitt.....	Relief of Bro. Harvey Crow, Lodge No. 180	75.00
"	15	14	Geo. W. Rockwell.....	Relief of Amelia Hitchcock, Lodge No. 69	50.00
"	15	15	Peter Peterson.....	Relief of widow of John D. Warner, Lodge No. 174.....	50.00
"	15	16	Enoch Pulner.....	Relief of self, Lodge No. 57.....	25.00
Feb.	27	17	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, second month.....	60.00
March	7	18	Pioneer Press Co.....	Printing proceedings, etc.....	600.00
"	20	19	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, third month.....	60.00
"	31	20	T. Montgomery.....	Three months' salary.....	312.50
April	17	21	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, fourth month.....	60.00
May	16	22	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, fifth month.....	60.00
June	19	23	Eleanor C. Pierson.....	Allowance, sixth month.....	60.00
"	30	24	T. Montgomery.....	Salary, three months.....	312.50
July	17	25	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, seventh month.....	60.00
Aug.	14	26	B. F. Ruder.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 27.....	1.20
"	14	28	J. M. Powers.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 62.....	.80
"	14	29	W. G. Smith.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 82.....	4.00
"	14	30	D. R. Houlton.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 95.....	4.00
"	14	31	W. P. Holton.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 115.....	1.60
"	14	32	A. S. Strauss.....	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 159.....	3.60
"	18	34	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, eighth month.....	60.00
Sep.	16	35	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, ninth month.....	60.00
"	30	36	T. Montgomery.....	Salary, three months.....	312.50
Oct.	20	37	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, tenth month.....	60.00
"	31	38	Weed & Lawrence.....	Insurance.....	54.00
"	31	39	Pioneer Press Co.....	Balance due, printing, binding, etc.....	173.25
"	31	40	F. Gutekunst.....	2,200 phototypes.....	99.00
Nov.	14	41	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, eleventh month.....	60.00
Dec.	15	42	E. C. Pierson.....	Allowance, twelfth month, to Jan. 15, 1892	60.00
			Balance on hand.....		3,434.60
					\$9,319.92

Fraternally submitted,
J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

J. H. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

1891.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Jan. 14.	To cash on hand as per last report.....	\$365 75
Jan. 14.	To Minnesota state bonds, \$10,000, cost.....	10,332 17
July 1.	To six months' interest on same.....	225 00
1892.		
Jan. 1.	To six months' interest on same.....	225 00
		<u>\$11,147 92</u>
1892.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 13.	By \$10,000 in state bonds at cost.....	\$10,332 17
Jan. 13.	By cash on hand to balance.....	815 75
		<u>\$11,147 92</u>

The above state bonds having been called in for payment by the governor of the state, under an act of the last legislature, and interest on the same having been stopped from and after Jan. 1, 1892, the present value of same is only \$10,000. The assets, therefore, in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund are as follows:

\$10,000 in bonds of the State of Minnesota.....	\$10,000 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	815 75
Total.....	<u>\$10,815 75</u>

Fraternally submitted,
J. H. THOMPSON,
Treasurer.

A resolution offered by Bro. J. M. D. Craft (67), instructing the Committee on Appropriations to make their report as early as 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow, was, on motion of Bro. J. F. Lawless (3), laid on the table.

A memorial from Fidelity Lodge, No. 39, reciting the loss by fire of the property of Alma Lodge, No. 131, at Lyle, on the second day of May, 1891, and praying that the Grand Lodge dues for 1891 from same be remitted and that a further appropriation be made from the Grand Lodge funds to assist them in replacing their loss, was read by Bro. C. L. West (39), and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A similar request was presented by Bro. F. S. Brown (155), in behalf of Tracy Lodge, No. 155, which also lost a portion of its property by fire, Nov. 29, 1891, and was referred to the same committee.

The Committee on Returns, by Bro. W. F. Dickinson, chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodge Returns beg leave to report that during the past year we find there has been—

Initiated.....	970
Passed.....	915
Raised.....	922
Joined.....	298
Restored.....	50
Total increase.....	1,270
Withdrawn.....	430
Stricken from the roll.....	182
Suspended or expelled.....	6
Died.....	131
Total decrease.....	749
Net gain.....	521
Present membership.....	12,830
Total fees and dues paid.....	\$7,384 60

Many lodges have sent up their returns without filling out the heading at all, and many more omit their lodge numbers; these we have not generally noted in detail, but they are such omissions as ought to catch the eye of the Master of the lodge when he is called on to certify to them.

The following are the most important errors and omissions:

Mantorville, No. 11. Reports 2 withdrawn, but deducts but one in summary; overpaid 40 cents; starting number next year 56 instead of 57.

Pleasant Grove, No. 22. Omits lodge numbers and birthplace, and drops 3 from total reported last year, and owes dues for 3, \$1.20.

Blue Earth Valley, No. 27. Omits lodge numbers; changed starting number from 73 to 71; owes dues, 80 cents.

Sakatah, No. 32. Fails to give name and number of lodge from which dimitted in the case of 3 joined.

Oriental, No. 34. Error in reporting work (see returns); owes \$1.40.

Harmony, No. 43. Owes 40 cents; clerical error.

Evergreen, No. 46. Dropped 1 from starting number, and owes 40 cents dues.

Social, No. 48. Owes 40 cents dues; error in starting number.

Meridian, No. 56. Appears to have obtained two members somehow, which were not reported whether raised in that lodge or joined by dimit, viz.: Nos. 245 and 246.

Temple, No. 59. Changed starting number; owes 40 cents.

Star in the West, No. 60. Changed starting number from 75 to 74; drops 3 without stating name or date; owes \$1.60.

Illustrious, No. 63. Returns incomplete, in that they do not show the name or dates of most of the work done.

Mystic Star, No. 69. Changed starting number; due 40 cents.

Constellation, No. 81. Owes 80 cents; error in exemptions.

Howard, No. 82. Overpaid \$1.20.

Tyrian, No. 86. Changed starting number, and overpaid \$1.20.

Litchfield, No. 89. Omits lodge numbers.

Fraternal, No. 92. Changed starting number, and owes 80 cents.

Sherburne, No. 95. Error in summary; the starting number for next year will be 61, not 60.

Libanus, No. 96. Owes dues for 5; unpaid \$2.

Prudence, No. 97. Owes dues for 3 not satisfactorily accounted for, \$1.20.

Relief, No. 108. Owes 40 cents; change in starting number.

Sunset, No. 109. Pays for one more initiated than it reports by name, etc.

Lafayette, No. 116. Pays for one more initiated than it reports by name, etc.

Granite, No. 117. Owes \$2 fees for degrees conferred.

Moorhead, No. 126. Overpaid \$1 dues.

Humboldt, No. 132. Owes dues for 5 dropped without explanation, \$2.

Walnut, No. 136. Face of the return is a perfect blank.

Verndale, No. 139. Owes dues, 40 cents; change in starting number.

Currie, No. 142. Owes dues, \$2; change in starting number.

Benton, No. 146. Owes 40 cents; change in starting number.

Pipestone, No. 148. Returns have numerous errors; it has apparently overpaid \$1.60.

Warren, No. 150. Owes \$1.60; change in starting number.

Perham, No. 157. Sends up names of 2 initiated in 1890 for which it did not send fees; owes \$2.

Long Prairie, No. 159. Overpaid \$2.60.

Agate, No. 167. Several errors; 40 cents overpaid.

Maine Prairie, No. 173. Owes 40 cents for one dropped without name, etc.

Ark, No. 176. Omits lodge numbers of dimitted, died, etc.

Pelican Rapids, No. 183. One dimitted not reported by name; due Grand Lodge 40 cents dues.

Arcana, No. 187. Overpaid \$1.20.

Geneva, No. 196. Pays for 2 initiated and 1 passed which are not reported by name, date, etc.

The lodges have all made returns with the exception of one under dispensation.

We submit herewith an abstract of the returns of the lodges, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to charge the accounts of the several lodges with the respective amounts herein reported as their fees and dues for 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. DICKINSON,

JNO. S. NELSON,

L. R. BARTO,

Committee.

(For abstract of returns as corrected see Appendix "C.")

The financial part of the abstract was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Reports were made by Bro. G. W. Rockwell, Worshipful Master of Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69, and Bro. P. Peterson, Worshipful Master of Valley Lodge, No. 174, of the disposition of funds intrusted to them last year for relief. Reports ordered filed.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for subdivision and reference would respectfully recommend:

1. That so much as refers to a masonic home be referred to a special committee of five, to report at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.
2. That so much as refers to deceased brethren be referred to a special committee of three.
3. That so much as refers to corner stones laid be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.
4. That so much as refers to the increase of Grand Lodge dues and the issuing of charters without fee to certain named lodges be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. That so much as refers to dispensations for new lodges granted and refused be referred to the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.
6. That so much as refers to special dispensations and permissions granted and refused, decisions rendered, invasion of jurisdiction, and the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master with reference to Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

7. That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

GEO. H. DAVIS,

A. LA DUE,

H. M. MYERS,

Committee.

Concurred in.

The following written applications for relief were referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

To reimburse Murray Lodge, No. 199, to the extent of \$50, for expenses incurred in the burial of Bro. H. P. Shepard. By the lodge.

To remit the dues for 1891 of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 49, on account of the destruction of its property by fire. By Bro. A. T. Stebbins (21).

For the relief of the widow of Charles B. Lair, late of Elgin Lodge, No. 115. By Bro. R. H. Gove (21).

For the relief of the widow of G. H. Hitchcock, late of Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69. By G. W. Rockwell, W. M.

For the relief of the widow of C. D. Colby, late of Nicollet Lodge, No. 54, and Geo. L. Key, of same lodge. By N. B. Patton, W. M.

For the relief of the widow and child of John Aiken, late of Caladonia Lodge, No. 20. By M. Emery, W. M.

For the relief of Mrs. C. Fairbanks, the widow of a Mason. By O. H. Phillips, Worshipful Master of Relief Lodge, No. 108.

For the relief of the widow of Brother Haas and for Brother Jacobs. By F. M. Curtis, Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 43.

For the relief of Anton Joseph of Melrose Lodge, No. 145. By A. A. Whitney, W. M.

On motion of Bro. W. T. Rigby, the election of officers was made the special order for to-morrow, at 2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, 1892.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 P. M. Officers and members as before.

The following question, submitted in writing by Bro. Chas. Griswold, P. G. M., was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

A brother having attained the rank of Deputy Grand Master in this jurisdiction, removes to another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, where he attains the rank of Grand Master; he then returns to us. What is his rank in this Grand Lodge?

Bro. Wm. G. Bell, M. V. W. V., Grand Master of Masons of Manitoba, being announced, a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Griswold, Wells and Gove were directed to introduce the distinguished visitor, who was received with the grand honors, and who responded to the Grand Master's welcome in appropriate terms.

Arrangements having been made for the exemplification of the work of the third degree by Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, of St. Paul, the Grand Officers vacated their stations, and the Grand Lodge and numerous visitors who filled the floor and galleries of this magnificent and brilliantly lighted hall witnessed the Master Mason's degree conferred by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. P. Swanstrom, and his officers, in their usual excellent manner.

In connection with the lectures, the stereopticon, under the skillful handling of P. V. M. V. W. G. De Vol, was used to throw the emblems on the screen as they were severally being explained.

During a lull in the work the portraits of some of the Grand Lodge officers, past and present, and other prominent Masons were exhibited on the screen by Brother De Vol, much to the gratification of the spectators.

At the close of the work Worshipful Brother Swanstrom, in behalf of Ancient Landmark Lodge, presented Grand Master Barto with a beautiful silver gavel, as a memento of his official visit to the lodge during the year. The Grand Master accepted the same and expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him in some well chosen remarks.

The Minneapolis Masonic Quartet was present, and aided materially with their well trained voices in making portions of the work the more impressive.

The Grand Officers resumed their stations, and the Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14, 9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 A. M. Officers and members as before.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following special committees:

ON MASONIC HOME.

Bros. J. A. Kiester (57), H. R. Denny (111), W. F. Dickinson (91), A. T. Stebbins (21), G. B. Bower (112).

ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

Bros. Geo. H. Davis (100), B. F. Jennes (104), D. M. Baldwin (8).

ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

Bros. M. E. Powell (91), B. Converse (191) and J. H. Randall (4).

Bro. A. A. Gearhart (79) offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master elect be and he is hereby requested to make such recommendations in his address regarding a Grand Lecturer, or the best methods of securing uniformity of work, as he shall deem advisable.

REPORTS ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address relating to decisions rendered, having duly considered the same, fraternally report that such decisions are in conformity with masonic usage and law, and recommend the affirmance of the same.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was submitted so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address as relates to special dispensations granted and refused, having duly considered the same, fraternally report that such permission and refusal in respect to such referred matters are in accord with masonic usage and laws, and recommend that the same be approved.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following question of Bro. Chas. Griswold, viz.: "A brother having attained the rank of Deputy Grand Master in this jurisdiction, removes to another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, where he obtains the rank of Grand Master, and then returns to us; what is his rank in this Grand Lodge?" having duly considered the same, fraternally report that, agreeable to ancient masonic usage, a Mason having once attained to the exalted position of Master never loses his caste, and is at all times entitled to be recognized and honored as an actual Past Master, and will rank as such.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, the vote by which the above report was adopted was reconsidered, and the following, offered by Bro. G. S. Ives (54), was agreed to:

That the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to report upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to the position of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden in this Grand Lodge, and who then leaves this jurisdiction, takes a dimit, becomes a member in another Grand Jurisdiction, and again returns to this jurisdiction and joins some lodge therein.

Also, upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to any of the above named positions in any other Grand Jurisdiction and afterwards becomes a member in this jurisdiction.

Later in the session the committee requested and were granted until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to make their report.

To the Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the arrest of the charter of Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, having duly considered the same, fraternally recommend that the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in arresting the charter of said lodge be approved and your committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the arrest of the charter of Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, be continued during the discretion of the Grand Master, not exceeding the period of six months from the date of such arrest, at which time the same shall be restored.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

There was on hand in General Fund a year ago.....	\$2,142 32
Received from Grand Secretary, fees and dues, 1890	7,177 60
	\$9,319 92
Paid out on warrants.....	5,885 32
Leaving balance cash on hand.....	\$3,434 60
There was on hand in Widows' and Orphans' Fund	\$365 75
Received interest on bonds, \$10,000, at 4½ per cent	450 00
Total	<u>\$815 75</u>

ASSETS.

Cash on hand General Fund.....	\$3,434 60
Cash on hand Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	\$815 75
State bonds in hands of Treasurer.....	10,000 00
	10,815 75
Total in both funds	\$14,250 35

These bonds were listed last year at face value and premium paid, \$10,332.17. They are now redeemable at face value only, being called in by the governor of the state, under an act of the legislature; interest being stopped on and after Jan. 1, 1892.

We would recommend that the trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be instructed to reinvest the funds in state bonds.

The Grand Secretary's books agree with his report, showing that he has received since the date of last report:

Delinquent dues from lodges.....	\$10 60
Charter fees, lodges 189 to 199 inclusive.....	275 00
Dispensation fees, five new lodges.....	100 00
Fees and dues for 1891.....	7,384 40
Total receipts.....	\$7,770 00

All of which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. DURANT,
SAM. E. ADAMS,
JAMES F. LAWLESS,
D. B. LOOMIS,

Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address dealing with the burning of lodge rooms and charters of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 49, at St. Charles, and Alma Lodge, No. 131, at Lyle, respectfully recommend that duplicate charters be granted them without fee.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. DURANT,
S. E. ADAMS,
D. B. LOOMIS,
J. F. LAWLESS,

Committee.

Concurred in.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master regarding the increase of Grand Lodge dues from forty to fifty cents, respectfully report that they unanimously concur in said recommendation and respectfully recommend that the general regulations, section 73, be amended to read: Every lodge shall pay for each of its members of one year's standing fifty cents.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. DURANT,
SAM. E. ADAMS,
D. B. LOOMIS,
J. F. LAWLESS,

Committee.

Not adopted; 76 for, 79 against.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered to be published as an appendix to the proceedings.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. . D. .

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. . D. . respectfully submit the following report:

That we have carefully examined the records of the proceedings of the several lodges U. . D. . referred to us and find in nearly all of them errors or omissions, but not of a sufficiently grave character to justify the withholding of charters. We would suggest that some of the Masters and Secretaries be instructed as to the proper form of words to be used in the minutes of proceedings, so that they may conform to general masonic usage.

We recommend that on compliance with the constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge, in such cases provided, that charters be granted to the following named lodges:

Zenith, at Springfield, Brown county.
Kenyon, at Kenyon, Goodhue county.
Venus, at Dawson, Lac qui Parle county.
Stewartville, at Stewartville, Olmsted county.
St. Elmo, at Jasper, Pipestone county.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. GOVE,
GEO. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
ALEX. FIDDES,

Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Lodges U. : D. : have had presented to them, and have carefully considered, a petition from forty Master Masons, resident in Staples, Todd county, praying that a dispensation be granted them for the forming and opening of a new lodge to be located in said Staples.

After consultation with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and with his full consent, they respectfully recommend the granting of the dispensation prayed for, being convinced that the best interests of the craft will be promoted thereby.

R. H. GOVE,
G. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
ALEX. FIDDES,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Lodges U. : D. : have examined the records and papers of Wayzata Lodge, U. : D. :, and find the same practically correct but in very poor form, not being transcribed into any book of record.

The lodge has been at work U. : D. : less than three months. The committee respectfully recommend that the dispensation be continued without fee.

R. H. GOVE,
G. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
ALEX. FIDDES,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Lodges U. : D. : have carefully examined the petition of Witoka Lodge, U. : D. :, for a charter, and believing that the best interests of the craft will not be promoted thereby, beg leave to respectfully report adversely to the granting of said charter.

R. H. GOVE,
G. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
ALEX. FIDDES,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The Grand Lodge, at 12:25, was called off until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14, 2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock P. M. Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation made another report as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Lodges U. S. D., to whom was referred the petition for a dispensation to establish a lodge at Kasota, Le Sueur county, have no information as to the merits of the said petition and would respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

R. H. GOVE,
G. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
ALEX. FIDDES,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, M. S. W. S. E. W. Durant, by request, took the chair and appointed as tellers Bros. C. L. West (39), C. W. Smith (101), D. M. Baldwin (8), O. H. Page (22) and A. P. Swanstrom (5).

An election by ballot was then held, which resulted as follows:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

ALPHONSO BARTO (60), M. S. W. S. Grand Master.
WM. F. DICKINSON (91), R. S. W. S. Deputy Grand Master.
CALVIN L. BROWN (133), R. S. W. S. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. B. PATTON (79), R. S. W. S. Junior Grand Warden.
J. H. THOMPSON (19), R. S. W. S. Grand Treasurer.
THOS. MONTGOMERY (54), R. S. W. S. Grand Secretary.

As soon as the reelection of Grand Master Barto was announced, the following committee of Past Grand Masters was appointed to escort the distinguished brother within the body of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Wells, Denny, Griswold and Kiester, which being done the Grand Master elect expressed his appreciation of the high honor conferred and accepted the office in his usual happy style.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Appropriations, by Bro. H. R. Wells, chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your Committee on Appropriations, having considered the several matters submitted to them, fraternally report the following appropriations, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the respective purposes named:

For expenses of Grand Master Barto, 1891.....	\$300 00
For salary of Grand Secretary, 1892	1,250 00
For chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00
For Bro. M. M. Clark, Assistant Grand Secretary.....	25 00
For Bro. J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler.....	25 00
For contingent expenses, Grand Secretary.....	175 00
For office rent, Grand Secretary.....	125 00
For insurance of Grand Lodge property	75 00
For printing Grand Lodge proceedings, 1892.....	600 00
For amount of pay roll, 1892.....	1,977 84
For relief of widow of E. A. Hitchcock, Lodge No. 69.....	30 00
For relief of widow of Chas. Lair, Lodge No. 115.....	50 00
For relief of widow of John Aiken, Lodge No. 20.....	25 00
For relief of widow of Brother Haas, Lodge No. 43.....	25 00
For relief of Brother Jacobs, Lodge No. 43.....	25 00
For relief of Bro. A. Joseph, Lodge No. 145.....	50 00
For relief of widow of Brother Fairbanks, Lodge No. 108.....	50 00
For relief of widow of Bro. C. D. Colby, Lodge No. 54.....	50 00
For relief of Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson (payable monthly).....	720 00
For Alma Lodge, No. 131, fees and dues for 1891 remitted...	21 60
For Tracy Lodge, No. 155, fees and dues for 1891 remitted...	41 60
For Rising Sun Lodge, No. 49, fees and dues for 1891 remitted	45 80

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
A. D. COUNTRYMAN,
Committee.

Bro. E. J. McMahon (112) offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which is understood to be a permanent fund of this Grand Lodge, is the especial care and pride of our members; and

WHEREAS, No provision is made for setting apart a portion of the Grand Lodge funds for this particular purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That the dues payable to this Grand Lodge be hereafter made and divided as follows: For General Fund, forty cents per capita; for Widows' and Orphans' Fund, ten cents per capita.

After some discussion, on motion of Bro. O. L. Cutter (30), the resolution was laid on the table.

A motion to reconsider the last vote was lost.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to state that no matters have been submitted to them for consideration, except one matter informally presented, on which the committee did not deem it expedient to take any action. The committee have no further or other report to make.

J. A. KESTER,
H. A. PECK,
C. L. BROWN,
S. W. ROCKWELL,
A. BRANDENBURG,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. H. R. Wells, was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund, to be invested for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Bro. H. M. Myers (19) was permitted to read some interesting reminiscences of Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia.

Bro. E. P. Case (32) recited a couple of masonic poems.

WASHINGTON'S APRON.

Bro. J. D. Markham (164) offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, By resolution of Mt. Nebo Lodge, No 91, A. F. & A. M., of Shepherdstown, W. Va., Bro. Wynkoop Lemen, a member of that lodge, residing at Warren, Minn., was granted permission to exhibit in Warren Lodge, No. 150, at Warren, Minn., the apron—now owned by said Mt. Nebo Lodge—so long worn by Bro. George Washington, the first president of the United States, and presented to

him by the famous Frenchman and Mason, Marquis de Lafayette, and worn by Washington at the time he laid the corner stone of the capitol at the city of Washington; and

WHEREAS, By the courtesy of Warren Lodge, No. 150, through Bro. L. Lamberson, its Worshipful Master, and the consent of said Mt. Nebo Lodge, said apron has been temporarily loaned to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and is now on exhibition at this session; and

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge, recognizing the honor so conferred, and being desirous of expressing to each of said lodges its appreciation of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the fraternal regards of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to the above named lodges and also to Brothers Lemen and Lamberson, to all of whom are also tendered our sincere thanks for their kindness in permitting the brethren attending this Grand Lodge the great privilege of beholding so sacred a masonic relic as the apron worn by George Washington.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the lodges above named and also to Brothers Lemen and Lamberson.

The apron referred to is a beautiful piece of needlework, of the usual size, the body being of white satin, bordered with a strip of black silk nearly an inch in width and ruffled, and lined with dark cloth. The square and compass is worked in silk and gold thread. The stars and stripes and the French tricolor are embroidered in colors above the square and compass, a wreath or vine encompassing all. It was the handiwork of the lady members of the family of Lafayette, and was greatly prized by Washington in consequence. It is in a fair state of preservation, but one of the conditions of its being loaned was that it should be exhibited under glass. A glass frame was therefore provided by the Grand Secretary, who also read to the Grand Lodge the correspondence connected with its history and how it came to be exhibited in Grand Lodge.

THANKS.

* On motion of Bro. C. E. Van Cleve (2), the thanks of the Grand Lodge was tendered to the Masonic Union of St. Paul for the free use of their beautiful hall during the session.

Thanks were also voted the several railroad companies for courtesies extended in the reduction of fare.

REPORT ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Residue of Address of Grand Master report as follows:

We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in the matter of appointing Grand Representatives be approved.

M. E. POWELL,
BLINN CONVERSE,
J. H. RANDALL,
Committee.

REPORT ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, from Committee on Pay Roll, made a partial report, and asked permission to complete same after close of session. Granted. (*For complete Pay Roll, see Appendix D.*)

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master elect announced his appointment of the following Grand Lodge Officers:

BRO. H. J. PECK (44).....Grand Orator.
BRO. L. D. BOYNTON (2).....Grand Chaplain.
BRO. J. D. MARKHAM (164).....Senior Grand Deacon.
BRO. GEO. N. DAY (100).....Junior Grand Deacon.
BRO. E. P. CASE (32).....Grand Marshal.
BRO. A. D. COUNTRYMAN (137).....Grand Standard Bearer.
BRO. C. W. GILMORE (148).....Grand Sword Bearer.
BRO. GEO. B. BOWER (112).....Senior Grand Steward.
BRO. R. H. SANDERSON (53).....Junior Grand Steward.
BRO. B. F. ASHELMAN (154).....Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. J. C. FISCHER (3).....Grand Tyler.

The following paper was read and referred to the Committee on Masonic Home:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The undersigned have been appointed a committee from the Grand Chapter, order of the Eastern Star, of Minnesota, to convey to this Grand Lodge the earnest sympathy of the order of the Eastern Star with all wise plans looking to the establishment of a masonic home

in this state, and the desire of that body to coöperate with this Grand Lodge in carrying any proposed plans to a successful consummation.

A. P. SWANSTROM,
G. H. DAVIS,
J. D. MARKHAM.

OBITUARY REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Deceased Brethren are called upon to pay a tribute of affection and esteem to our late brother, R. W. Thomas C. Bivins, District Deputy Grand Master.

After a protracted and painful sickness, Brother Bivins was called from earthly labor to celestial refreshment on the thirty-first day of July, and on the third day of August his mortal remains were deposited in the grave by his brethren of Aurora Lodge, No. 100.

Our departed brother will long be remembered for qualities of heart and mind which endeared him most to those who knew him best. Modest and retiring in his demeanor and disposition, he was yet a man of deep convictions and firm will. He entertained a profound love and veneration for the institution of Masonry, and every duty imposed on him was discharged with cheerfulness, zeal and fidelity. He was a kind husband, a good citizen, a devoted craftsman. He has gone to his rest. "May light perpetual shine upon him."

G. H. DAVIS,
Chairman.

Concurred in.

INSTALLATION.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were then severally installed into their respective offices by P. G. M. Charles Griswold.

Grand Master Barto appointed standing committees as follows:

ON RETURN OF LODGES.

Bros. W. F. Dickinson (91), J. S. Nelson (111), James F. Lawless (3).

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Irving Todd (7), Thos. Montgomery (54), E. P. Barnum (60).

NEW REGISTER.

A motion having been made by Bro. W. F. Dickinson, authorizing the Grand Secretary to prepare a register by lodges of the entire membership in this jurisdiction, past and present,

and the same having been tabled on motion of Bro. H. R. Denny, owing to the near close of the session, another motion, made by Bro. Geo. H. Davis (100), was carried, to the effect that a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to look into the matter of such proposed register and report thereon on the first day of the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed as such committee Bros. Geo. H. Davis (100), W. F. Dickinson (91) and J. M. D. Craft (67).

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at 5:30 P. M., the Grand Chaplain leading in the devotions.

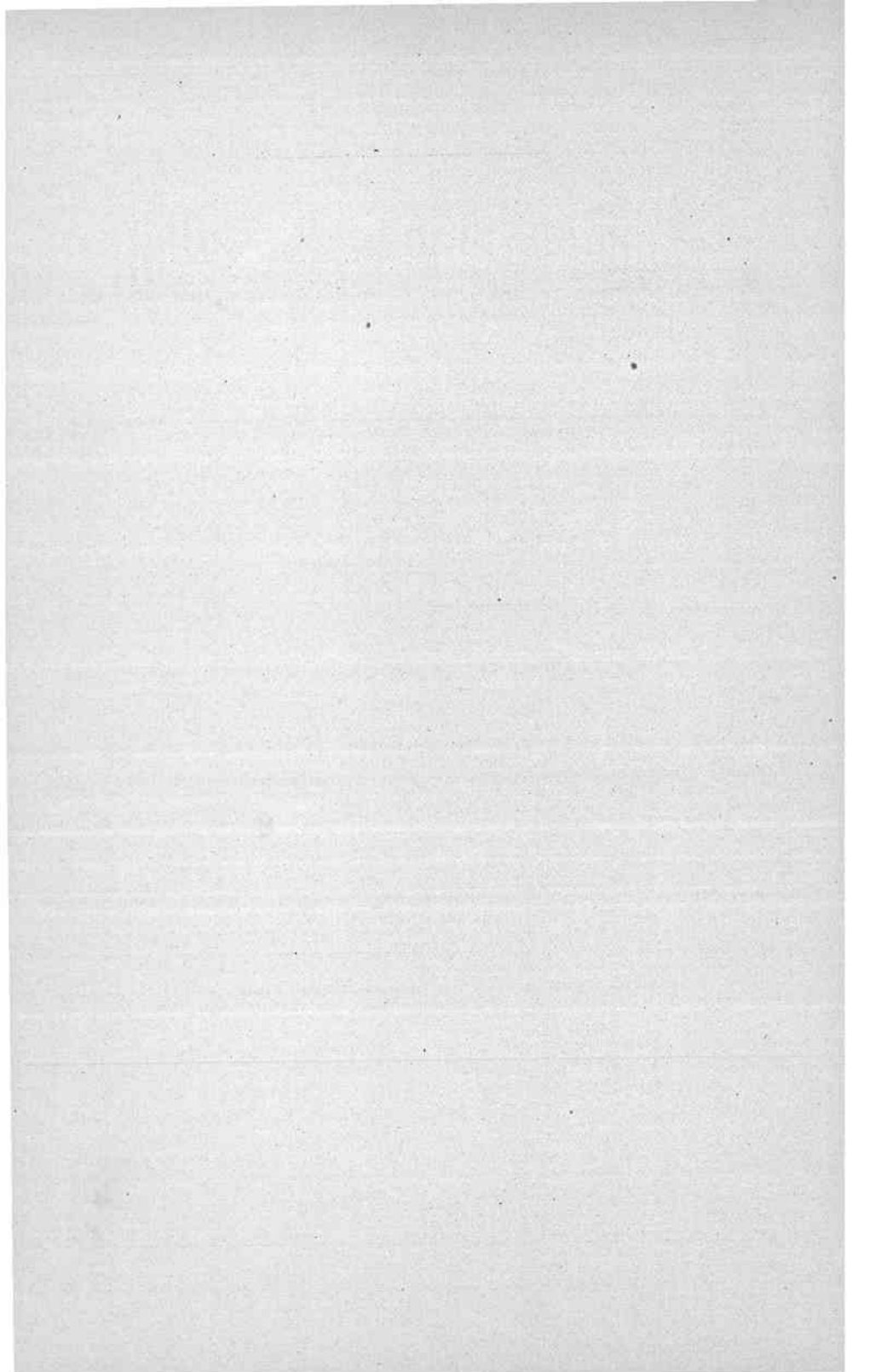
ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.



Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



APPENDIX A.—GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE G. L. OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1853 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	No. Lo.	DEPUTY G.: M.	No. Lo.	SENIOR G.: W.	No. Lo.	JUNIOR G.: W.	No. Lo.	G.: TREASURER.	No. Lo.	G.: SECRETARY.	No. Lo.
1853	A. E. Amest.....	2	A. Goodrich.....	3	D. F. Brawley.....	3	A. Van Vorbest.....	1	E. Caser.....	2	I. G. Lennont.....	2
1854	A. E. Amest.....	3	D. F. Brawley.....	3	A. Van Vorbest.....	1	A. T. C. Pierson.....	1	E. Caser.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	2
1855	M. Sherburne.....	5	A. T. C. Pierson.....	3	C. T. Stearns.....	2	A. Van Vorbest.....	1	E. Caser.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	2
1856	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	H. N. Setzer.....	1	Thomas Lombard.....	6	E. A. Hodgson.....	4	E. Caser.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	2
1857	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	Wm. H. Mowet.....	1	E. A. Hodgson.....	4	William Lee.....	7	E. Caser.....	4	H. Reynolds.....	2
Jan.—1858	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Frank Mantor.....	11	A. C. Smith.....	3	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
Oct.—1858	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Samuel E. Adams.....	16	Samuel E. Adams.....	16	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
1859	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	J. C. Whipple.....	11	J. C. Whipple.....	9	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
1860	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	E. Thompson.....	16	J. W. Thompson.....	17	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
1861	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	J. C. Whipple.....	1	E. C. Wells.....	21	W. T. Rigby.....	28	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
1862	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5	L. E. Thompson.....	1	E. C. Wells.....	21	George Bradley.....	31	E. Caser.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5
1863	Geo. W. Prescott.....	5	P. P. Hubbell.....	18	G. B. Cooley.....	31	A. B. Curry.....	34	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1864	Charles W. Nash.....	35	W. T. Rigby.....	28	Robert Stewart.....	41	A. J. Phelps.....	34	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1865	Charles W. Nash.....	35	R. A. Jones.....	21	S. R. Merrill.....	40	S. R. Merrill.....	40	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1866	Charles W. Nash.....	35	R. A. Jones.....	21	S. R. Merrill.....	40	S. V. Hyde.....	49	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1867	Charles W. Nash.....	35	G. B. Cooley.....	11	S. V. Hyde.....	49	Fred Jost.....	48	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1868	Charles W. Nash.....	35	C. Griswold.....	49	E. D. B. Porter.....	12	J. W. Morford.....	33	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1869	G. B. Cooley.....	11	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	E. P. Barnum.....	63	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1870	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	Edgar Nash.....	76	L. B. Cummings.....	18	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1871	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	Edgar Nash.....	76	L. B. Cummings.....	18	Geo. L. Otis.....	5	Wm. S. Carpentier.....	5
1872	C. Griswold.....	49	J. C. Braden.....	89	H. R. Wells.....	43	H. R. Wells.....	36	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	E. D. B. Porter.....	12
1873	C. Griswold.....	49	J. C. Braden.....	89	L. Z. Rogers.....	32	C. O. Ball.....	11	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	E. D. B. Porter.....	12
1874	C. Griswold.....	49	E. W. Durant.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	32	C. O. Ball.....	11	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	E. D. B. Porter.....	12
1875	J. C. Braden.....	89	H. R. Wells.....	43	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1876	J. C. Braden.....	89	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1877	J. C. Braden.....	89	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1878	J. C. Braden.....	89	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1879	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1880	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1881	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1882	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1883	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1884	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1885	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1886	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1887	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1888	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1889	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1890	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1891	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5
1892	Henry R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton.....	4	C. H. Benton.....	32	George A. Camp.....	7	Geo. A. Camp.....	2	A. T. C. Pierson.....	5

* No session of the Grand Lodge in 1862 or 1868.

† Deceased.

‡ Expelled.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		CHARTER GRANTED.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	Washington.....	June 9, '52	Thos. H. Warren.....	Ira E. King.....	Eller McKillar.....	H. S. Smith.....	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catact.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	Oct. 5, '52	C. E. Van Cleave.....	F. W. Campbell.....	E. S. Prince.....	Solon Armstrong.....	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	Jan. 10, '56	J. F. Lawrence.....	W. A. Johnson.....	Wm. A. Lindeke.....	A. W. Thompson.....	1 and 3 Fri.
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 2, '54	A. P. Lawrence.....	J. G. Houghton.....	Liscom Mowry.....	T. Thompson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landmark.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 3, '54	W. P. Swanstrom.....	C. W. Nitterauer.....	Frank H. Ribler.....	Milton T. Emery.....	2 and 4 Wed.
6	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	" 9, '56	M. H. Sullivan.....	C. W. Nimroe.....	Irving Todd, Jr.....	Julius Pansie.....	1 Mon.
7	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	Goodhue.....	Oct. 25, '65	Henry A. Buel.....	Chas. E. Friedrich.....	Samuel Morley.....	G. H. Diepenbrock.....	2 and 4 Mon.
8	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Rice.....	Jan. 6, '57	C. C. Abbott.....	W. Birch.....	D. E. Goodman.....	H. L. Luther.....	2 and 4 Tue.
9	Marquette.....	Marquette.....	Dodge.....	" 6, '57	M. E. Mallory.....	J. M. F. Cooper.....	J. A. Whitney.....	W. S. Campbell.....	2 and 4 Sat.
12	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	Geo. W. Mead.....	F. W. Pitcher.....	J. A. Linder.....	W. S. Howe.....	1 and 3 Mon.
14	Wabasha.....	Wabasha.....	Wright.....	" 8, '57	C. J. Hannes.....	W. L. Lewark.....	J. B. Cole.....	E. G. Dill.....	1 and 3 Sat.
16	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	Houston.....	" 8, '57	J. M. Comaford.....	D. T. Lyon.....	L. I. Hohl.....	E. H. Sherwin.....	1 and 3 Tue.
17	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	Hennepin.....	" 8, '57	A. J. Snare.....	H. J. Willis.....	L. J. Hillmer.....	L. S. Keeler.....	1 and 3 Tue.
18	Winona.....	Winona.....	Hennepin.....	" 7, '58	J. E. Morton.....	Chas. C. Curtiss.....	C. O. Palmer.....	Frank H. Forbes.....	1 and 3 Wed.
19	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	Houston.....	" 7, '58	Moses Emery.....	E. H. Smalley.....	C. O. Palmer.....	W. M. Collier.....	2 and 4 Wed.
20	Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	Hennepin.....	" 8, '58	Henry R. Hymes.....	C. M. Johnson.....	R. Saxe Jones.....	C. A. Whited.....	2 and 4 Mon.
21	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	Hennepin.....	" 8, '58	W. W. Parkinson.....	James A. Pettet.....	Wm. A. Ashford.....	John A. Grill.....	1 and 2 Tue.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	Stearns.....	" 8, '58	J. H. Lupton.....	C. T. Fawcett.....	H. E. Coffin.....	I. T. Wray.....	2 and 4 Mon.
23	North Star.....	St. Cloud.....	Waseca.....	" 8, '58	J. H. Lupton.....	John Wagoner.....	H. E. Coffin.....	John Mertens.....	1 and 2 Tue.
24	Wilton Star.....	Alma City.....	Freeborn.....	Oct. 27, '58	H. A. House.....	J. R. Halvorson.....	L. F. Thomas.....	O. J. Wulff.....	1 and 3 Tue.
25	Western Star.....	Albert Lea.....	Faribault.....	" 27, '58	N. W. Sargent.....	L. G. Reeb.....	L. F. Thomas.....	W. H. Hodgeman.....	1 and 3 Wed.
26	Blue Earth Valley.....	Winnabago City.....	Faribault.....	" 27, '58	N. W. Sargent.....	G. P. Fish.....	D. C. Whitmore.....	W. A. Shaw.....	1 and 3 Tue.
27	Clearwater.....	Clearwater.....	Wright.....	" 27, '58	N. W. Sargent.....	F. E. Welsh.....	C. A. Whitmore.....	H. D. Gurly.....	1 and 3 Sat.
28	Morning Star.....	Houston.....	Hennepin.....	" 26, '59	R. Kemp.....	D. C. Sours.....	C. S. H. Weston.....	S. C. Pace.....	* 1 and 3 Sat.
29	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	Scott.....	" 26, '59	J. C. H. Engel.....	Chas. Jackson.....	Frank S. Wood.....	Wm. H. Baier.....	2 and 4 Fri.
30	King Ham.....	Jordan.....	Le Sueur.....	" 24, '60	Barkley Varner.....	Herman G. Schulz.....	Frank S. Wood.....	Albert J. Kanne.....	1 and 3 Sat.
31	Skatech.....	Waterville.....	Steele.....	" 24, '60	C. A. Backman.....	Geo. R. Kinvon.....	Swan Erickson.....	M. B. Chadwick.....	2 and 4 Wed.
32	Star in the East.....	Owatonna.....	Steele.....	" 24, '60	C. W. Burdick.....	Edw. A. Dibble.....	H. H. Harpner.....	John A. Wilson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
33	Oriental.....	Cannon Falls.....	Goodhue.....	" 24, '60	Joseph H. Metz.....	W. F. Tuttle.....	J. M. Carpenter.....	W. H. De Kay.....	1 and 3 Mon.
34	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	" 23, '61	Henry Fieseler.....	Henry Nupson.....	Wm. J. Hey.....	Julius Johnson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
35	Preston.....	Preston.....	Fillmore.....	" 23, '61	F. A. Tinkham.....	D. W. Davenport.....	Wm. J. Hey.....	Julius Johnson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
36	Mystic Tie.....	Pine Island.....	Goodhue.....	" 23, '61	W. W. Jewell.....	J. G. McCarthy.....	W. S. Bassett.....	A. M. Sisson.....	2 and 4 Sat.
37	Washington.....	West Concord.....	Dodge.....	" 23, '61	T. J. Dykes.....	J. C. Doughty.....	D. C. Gardner.....	C. H. Wilbur.....	1 and 3 Wed.
38	Fidelity.....	Austri.....	Mower.....	" 23, '61	S. A. Emerson.....	Geo. Hirsch.....	N. F. Earl.....	C. H. Wilbur.....	2 and 4 Tue.
39	Carmelon.....	Lake City.....	Wabasha.....	" 23, '63	A. E. Smith.....	J. C. Doughty.....	C. E. Hubbard.....	E. I. Manning.....	2 and 4 Tue.
40	Hermion.....	Zumbrota.....	Goodhue.....	" 23, '63	D. B. Scofield.....	F. G. Marvin.....	H. J. Klein.....	C. E. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Tue.

42	Hope	Glencoe	McLeod	Oct. 28, '93	L. W. Gilbert	B. R. Allen	Chas. V. Corson	S. Raymond	1 and 3 Sat.
43	Harmony	Lewisohn	Winona	" 28, '93	F. M. Curtis	D. M. King	H. N. Orth	W. B. Moore	1 and 3 Mon.
44	King Solomon	Shakopee	Scott	" 28, '93	H. J. Peck	J. G. Newell	L. M. Bailey	T. A. Taylor	2 and 4 Wed.
45	Union	Le Sueur	Le Sueur	" 26, '93	E. Hunsaker	M. H. Fisher	E. L. Sampson	Geo. W. Taylor	1 and 3 Sat.
46	Evergreen	Troy	Winona	" 26, '94	S. L. Draper	M. H. Fisher	W. E. Walker	Geo. W. Dixon	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Concord	Cleveland	Le Sueur	" 26, '94	Corlett Hill	E. Neumann	R. F. Elwood	W. J. Chambers	Evry oth Sat.
48	Social	Northland	Rice	" 26, '94	Frank L. White	John W. Hays	A. J. Hunt	D. H. Lord	1 and 3 Wed.
49	Rising Sun	St. Charles	Winona	" 26, '94	Koh A. Johnson	Edw. J. Whitford	Jas. C. Woodard	Wm. J. Berner	1 and 3 Ths.
50	Watertown	Carver	Washington	" 25, '95	Jas. M. Holiday	C. G. Halgren	L. J. Tarvin	M. L. Malsed	1 and 3 Ths.
51	Acacia	Cottage Grove	Rice	" 25, '95	Irving T. Morey	Chas. Sweetser	Leola J. Crippen	Peter Thompson	1 and 3 Ths.
52	Cannon River	Morristown	Nicollet	" 25, '95	W. B. Patten	N. B. Patten	S. P. Witky	E. C. Temple	1 and 3 Ths.
53	Zion	St. Peter	Chisago	" 25, '95	W. X. Folsom	E. E. Blanding	Patrick Fox	J. C. Pettjohn	1 and 3 Tus.
54	St. Marys	St. Marys Falls	Fillmore	" 24, '97	Jos. Undercat	Harry J. Atchison	A. L. Ober	Geo. W. Seymour	2 and 4 Wed.
55	Meridian	Chafford	Faribault	" 24, '97	Geo. F. Constans	Chas. F. Pride	A. F. Way	Wm. H. Silsbee	1 and 3 Wed.
56	Blue Earth City	Blue Earth City	Faribault	" 24, '97	E. C. Adams	T. O. Kilbourn	C. W. Nothing	Wm. Whitfield	1 and 3 Sat.
57	Spring Valley	Spring Valley	Fillmore	" 24, '97	P. W. Swirgin	P. H. White	J. H. McKenize	A. R. Holman	1 and 3 Tus.
58	Hutchinson	Hutchinson	McLeod	" 24, '97	A. Lamb	V. M. Thomason	J. C. Jacobi	E. J. Stearns	1 and 3 Sat.
59	Star in the West	Evoka	Stearns	" 24, '97	A. F. Rockwell	F. Russell	C. E. Bondy	L. M. Kells	2 and 4 Tus.
60	Star	Rockford	Fillmore	" 24, '97	Chapman	D. D. Ames	W. H. Guphill	C. W. Mattison	1 and 3 Mon.
61	Star	Rockford	Fillmore	" 24, '97	Chapman	D. D. Ames	W. H. Guphill	J. R. Ames	1 and 3 Mon.
62	Illustrious	Plainview	Wabasha	" 24, '97	Geo. R. Hall	J. W. Mallory	Harry A. Welkel	L. D. Colby	1 and 3 Sat.
63	Golden Rule	Fairmont	Marathon	" 24, '97	James McHenry	R. F. Ray	J. C. Pratt	D. G. Henneberg	1 and 3 Tus.
64	Golden Rule	Lakeland	Washington	" 24, '97	R. H. Sanderson	Frank Jackson	H. J. Hansen	H. J. Hansen	2 and 4 Tus.
65	Madella	Watonswan	Watonswan	" 24, '97	W. S. Hammond	M. S. Dossett	J. K. Webster	W. W. Murphy	1 and 3 Wed.
66	Corinthian	Fairington	Dakota	" 24, '97	E. L. Brackett	M. W. Neiderkorn	C. O. Wescott	A. L. Needham	1 and 3 Tus.
67	Corinthian	Rushford	Fillmore	" 24, '97	G. W. Rockwell	Chas. E. Wilmarth	W. F. Drake	E. A. Sykes	1 and 3 Sat.
68	Paynesville	Paynesville	Stearns	Jan. 15, '99	Hugh Blakely	Romco J. Tuttle	Jacob W. Siver	Abat E. Bugbie	1 and 3 Sat.
69	Paynesville	Lansing	Mower	" 15, '99	H. M. McIntyre	Freeman A. Carl	Samuel C. Seavey	A. C. La Bor	2 and 4 Tus.
70	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	John C. Beck	C. E. McCann	Wm. F. McCann	E. M. Wyckoff	2 and 4 Tus.
71	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	C. A. Roy	Geo. W. Palmer	A. R. Williams	J. M. Wyckoff	2 and 4 Mon.
72	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	Lysander Cook	A. A. Handy	A. R. Williams	J. M. Wyckoff	2 and 4 Mon.
73	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	Martin J. Hanson	S. Swenson	F. S. Graham	M. A. Benedict	1 and 3 Sat.
74	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	John O. Briggs	Robert R. Porter	John F. Murphy	M. A. Benedict	1 and 3 Sat.
75	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 15, '99	Wm. E. Patton	Albert S. Powell	Everett A. Bliss	Walter Child	2 and 4 Ths.
76	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 12, '70	D. Simpson	Robert S. Powell	T. W. Hugo	C. F. Schoonlan	2 and 4 Fri.
77	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 12, '70	Noah F. Ward	Laurette Bliss	Wm. Drechko	H. A. Seignreux	1 and 3 Mon.
78	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 12, '70	John F. Lauzer	G. S. Campbell	Oscar J. Roberts	H. A. Seignreux	1 and 3 Mon.
79	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 12, '70	H. W. Brown	Enoch E. Ritchie	Leroy L. Wright	H. A. Seignreux	2 and 4 Wed.
80	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 12, '70	F. Taylor Robinson	Horace Anthony	Chas. Gleason	Haus C. Brobeck	1 and 3 Wed.
81	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 11, '71	F. E. Dean	D. C. Whitlock	John H. Butler	Geo. L. Butler	1 and 3 Sat.
82	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 11, '71	G. W. Hall	Chas. Tiffany	L. Crumb	C. R. Lyon	1 and 3 Sat.
83	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 11, '71	C. N. Andrews	Geo. Hopkins	J. B. Woodard	J. W. Kingsley	1 and 3 Sat.
84	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 11, '71	James H. Morris	Chris. Bertleson	K. F. Woodard	F. S. Fellows	1 and 3 Ths.
85	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 10, '72	Alex. Fiddes	H. J. Hoovel	Myron E. Baum	J. W. Wright	2 and 4 Fri.
86	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 10, '72	Andrew Brum	S. B. Purves	W. C. Bortman	W. R. Ellsworth	1 and 3 Sat.
87	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 10, '72	Wm. Cordiner	Chas. A. Jack	W. R. Caswell	A. H. Anderson	1 and 3 Sat.
88	Lansing	Lansing	Houston	" 10, '72	Wm. Cordiner	Chas. A. Jack	Benjamin Grant	G. Ewing	2 Wed.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	Location.		Charter Granted.	Worshipful Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.
		Town.	County.						
93	Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	Jan. 10, '72	A. W. Gordon	L. Sartell	W. S. Sartell	Wm. Sartell	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	Brown	" 10, '72	L. P. Larson	L. C. Hanson	Jas. Montgomery	J. Lampert	1 and 3 Sat.
95	Sherburne	Elk River	Sherburne	" 16, '72	W. F. Chadbourne	William H. Shorey	Robert E. Dare	D. R. Houlton	1 and 3 Sat.
96	Libanus	St. James	Watonswan	" 15, '73	M. E. Mullen	G. W. Hiles	W. H. Rowe	Ashley Coffman	1 and 3 Sat.
97	Prudence	Windom	Cottonwood	" 15, '73	G. E. LeTourneau	T. C. Collins	Theo. Smith	W. L. Newton	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity	New Ulm	Brown	" 15, '73	Albert Marden	Ernest Brandt	O. C. Chase	Ole M. Olson	1 and 4 Sat.
99	Cornet Stone	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	" 15, '73	A. Brandenburg	M. T. McMahon	Geo. N. Day	C. L. Hilton	1 and 3 Sat.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	Crow Wing	" 15, '73	Geo. H. Davis	John Lowrey	W. S. Webb	Frank Lewis	1 and 4 Wed.
101	Fraternity	Worthington	Nobles	" 15, '73	C. W. Smith	F. R. Durfee	P. J. Hawley	Frank Lewis	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Lebanon	Lanesboro	Fillmore	" 15, '73	G. W. Franchère	D. A. Reed	R. S. Hughes	Wm. R. Cullen	1 and 3 Fri.
103	Bethel	Lake Crystal	Blue Earth	" 15, '73	Samuel Garver	Albert Larson	C. Ackerman	H. S. Peterson	1 and 4 Fri.
104	Sharon	Willmar	Kandiyohti	" 14, '74	J. C. Farbet	John Andrews	Geo. C. Bush	Cap. Wackman	1 and 4 Sat.
105	Relief	Detroit	Dodge	" 14, '74	O. H. Phillips	F. S. Allen	C. C. White	F. E. Hoard	1 and 4 Sat.
106	Sunset	Dodge Centre	Chippewa	" 13, '75	Geo. Sainsbury	Daniel Stedman	Chas. E. Barber	Ole Johnrud	1 and 4 Sat.
107	Pickwick	Montevideo	Winona	" 13, '75	Edw. Peterson	Oswald C. Brunius	Frank Sinclair	Hakon H. Holm	1 and 4 Sat.
108	Carver	Minneapolis	Excelsior	" 13, '75	George B. Bower	Edw. J. McMahon	Fred Gehl	C. D. Suffrin	1 and 4 Sat.
109	Excelsior	Luverne	Excelsior	" 13, '75	A. S. Dimond	Mark N. Woodruff	W. B. Mason	Henry J. Altnow	1 and 4 Sat.
110	Ben Franklin	Elgin	Wabasha	" 13, '75	Jens O. Helgeson	Mark N. Woodruff	John Kelly	R. L. Ball	1 and 4 Sat.
111	Lafayette	Granite Falls	Mower	" 12, '76	Chas. Gage	H. C. Woodruff	John Weeks	John P. Houg	1 and 4 Sat.
112	Newport	Marshall	Washington	" 12, '76	Alfred R. Rowe	J. D. Carroll	Jas. K. Stone	J. P. Baker	1 and 3 Sat.
113	Delta	Grand Meadow	Washington	" 12, '76	M. E. Mathews	J. B. Gibbons	John Weeks	W. A. Kenyon	1 and 3 Sat.
114	Kellogg	Bloomington	Wabasha	" 12, '76	Wm. H. Bentley	John W. Barber	Ph. Schleiger	W. A. Hawkins	1 and 4 Sat.
115	Janesville	Osseo	Hennepin	" 12, '76	L. O. Cook	J. C. Parkhurst	John Irish	M. K. Wille	1 and 4 Sat.
116	Winslow	Moorehead	Clay	" 12, '76	D. J. Dodge	F. H. Miner	Emil Dudgeon	C. W. Treat	1 and 4 Sat.
117	Moorehead	Mapleton	Blue Earth	" 12, '76	G. M. Henry	Elmer Owen	C. T. Wadsworth	L. D. Rogers	1 and 4 Sat.
118	Mapleton	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 12, '76	J. E. Brown	Carroll A. Nye	Wm. Larson	H. W. Alsop	1 and 4 Sat.
119	Mapleton	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 12, '76	A. D. Aldrich	C. H. Barrett	Wm. Vroman	J. S. Taylor	1 and 4 Sat.
120	Mapleton	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 12, '76	D. Deansmore	John O. Sanders	L. J. Otto	J. W. Clark	1 and 4 Sat.
121	Mapleton	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 12, '76	Edw. L. Stanley	G. M. Harlow	Fred Otto	O. Whitman	1 and 4 Sat.
122	Mapleton	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 12, '76	Edw. L. Stanley	Otis J. Fluett	H. N. Peterson	Willis F. Cobb	1 and 4 Sat.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		CHARTER GRANTED.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
179	King David.....	Elmore.....	Faribault.....	Jan. 17, '89	G. B. Franklin....	S. H. Taylor.....	C. H. Carey.....	James P. Thorne	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	Douglas.....	" 17, '89	Kasmus Florio....	John H. Rock....	Oliver H. Curtis	Wm. B. Lyons....	2 and 4 Sat.
181	Dalles.....	Cloquet.....	St. Louis.....	" 17, '89	Albert Cox.....	Alex. Knowles....	Frank R. Poole....	Leroy A. Fish....	1 and 3 Ths.
182	Fair Haven.....	St. Louis.....	Stearns.....	" 16, '90	L. H. Munger.....	Frank P. Percival..	W. H. Nesbitt....	I. H. Boller.....	1 and 3 Mon.
183	Pelican Rapids..	St. Paul.....	Otter Tail.....	" 16, '90	George P. Irvin....	Geo. D. Bevans....	H. S. Mickelson..	O. A. Burdick....	2 and 4 Tus.
184	Shell.....	St. Paul.....	Hubbard.....	" 16, '90	Wm. H. Martin....	Frank B. King.....	F. W. Rossman....	Edw. M. Horton..	1 and 3 Tus.
185	Midway.....	Duluth.....	Rapsey.....	" 16, '90	Peter McCallum...	Milton L. Bevans..	Alfred E. Austin..	R. D. Bloomfield	2 and 4 Fri.
186	Ionic.....	Duluth.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	Frank B. Lazier....	Sheldon L. Frazer..	John D. Toman....	Edward Fuller....	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcana.....	Minneapolis....	Hennepin....	" 16, '90	Geo. A. Reichard...	Frank B. King.....	John D. Toman....	A. L. Montgomery	2 and 4 Tus.
188	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors....	Lake.....	" 16, '90	J. D. Budd.....	J. T. Cook.....	Frank A. Blake....	Wm. A. Doerr....	2 and 4 Wed.
189	Traverse.....	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	" 15, '91	S. W. Fraser.....	J. F. Cook.....	C. H. Colyer.....	T. K. Mork.....	2 and 4 Tus.
190	Triune.....	Merriam Park....	Ramsey.....	" 15, '91	John Fishel.....	A. C. Clausen.....	S. D. Mason.....	H. C. Rehrreis....	1 and 3 Tus.
191	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul..	Dakota.....	" 15, '91	Blinn Converse....	J. F. Baker.....	L. A. Dwyer.....	E. A. Robinson....	1 and 3 Sat.
192	New London.....	South St. Paul..	Kandiyohti...	" 15, '91	Christ. Johnson....	Lyman Chandler...	Chas. S. Geer.....	J. P. Jensen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
193	Crow River.....	New London.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '91	C. M. Green.....	D. A. Mosher.....	Geo. Buckmaster..	A. M. Mery.....	1 and 3 Wed.
194	Amboy.....	Amboy.....	Blue Earth....	" 15, '91	H. H. Haskins....	D. A. Mosher.....	R. N. Vail.....	S. W. Munk.....	2 and 4 Wed.
195	Canby.....	Canby.....	Renville.....	" 15, '91	J. T. Brooks.....	S. R. Pryor.....	S. S. Russell.....	S. M. McIntosh...	1 and 3 Wed.
196	Geneva.....	Madison.....	Lac qui Parle..	" 15, '91	H. L. Hayden.....	S. R. Pryor.....	Albert Lano.....	S. E. Farnham....	1 and 3 Tus.
197	Vermilion.....	Tower.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	W. N. Shephard...	J. C. Morehead....	M. E. Pearce.....	E. E. Noble.....	1 and 3 Tus.
198	Euclid.....	West Duluth....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	B. J. Mallory.....	Geo. H. Wright....	D. M. De Vore....	E. E. Elston.....	1 and 3 Tus.
199	Murray.....	Slayton.....	Brown.....	" 14, '92	J. H. Low.....	John E. Schmid....	Isaac L. Fletcher..	A. H. Day.....	2 and 4 Sat.
200	Zenith.....	Springfield.....	Goodhue.....	" 14, '92	J. C. Rothenburg...	John Holm.....	P. L. Kramet.....	St. Leherman....	1 and 3 Sat.
201	Kenyon.....	Dawson.....	Lac qui Parle..	" 14, '92	M. H. Stiversburg..	Charles A. Dano....	H. L. Trimble....	H. M. Anderson...	2 and 4 Sat.
202	Venus.....	Stewartville....	Olmsted.....	" 14, '92	A. M. Crowell.....	C. N. Stewart.....	S. J. Sanborn.....	E. S. Woodbridge..	2 and 4 Wed.
203	Stewartville....	Stewartville....	Pipestone.....	" 14, '92	F. E. Horton.....	Jas. H. Taylor.....	Andrew Rae.....	Ole P. Rask.....	2 and 4 Ths.
204	St. Elmo.....	Jasper.....	Pipestone.....	" 14, '92	H. D. Jenckes....	Jas. H. Taylor.....	Andrew Rae.....	Ole P. Rask.....	2 and 4 Ths.

* Saturday preceding full moon.

† Saturday on or before full moon.

‡ Wednesday in week moon falls.

§ Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.

|| Monday of week moon falls.

^ Tuesday on or before full moon.

a Deceased.

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members, Jan. 1, 1891.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Exempt.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Fees.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	No. Members, Jan. 1, 1892.	FEES AND DUES.	
																		For Grand Secretary, 1891.	Paid Grand Secretary.
1	St. Johns.....	163	2	.....	.....	2	.....	\$63.60	9	4	4	\$4.00	.....	2	6	4	165	\$77.60	\$77.60
2	Catawba.....	360	10	1	.....	5	2	139.20	11	17	9	30.00	6	8	23	10	373	169.20	169.20
3	St. Paul.....	191	5	.....	.....	1	.....	71.60	16	10	7	30.00	.....	1	12	12	373	121.60	121.60
4	Hennepin.....	466	18	4	.....	3	.....	153.20	21	22	22	65.00	6	7	35	23	418	218.20	218.20
5	Ancient Landmark.....	466	10	9	.....	9	.....	173.60	26	24	25	75.00	.....	19	44	26	478	248.60	248.60
6	Dakota.....	107	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.40	7	5	3	15.00	.....	1	4	4	107	55.40	55.40
7	Red Wing.....	192	3	2	.....	9	2	31.60	5	5	5	15.00	.....	.....	5	11	186	46.60	46.60
8	Faribault.....	136	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.40	3	4	4	11.00	.....	1	5	5	136	63.40	63.40
9	Manorville.....	155	2	.....	.....	2	2	19.60	5	4	5	15.00	.....	.....	5	5	156	34.60	35.00
10	Mankato.....	117	3	.....	.....	2	2	44.80	5	4	4	13.00	.....	3	7	72	119	57.80	57.80
11	Wapauasa.....	77	4	3	.....	.....	2	26.40	3	1	1	4.00	1	2	4	9	72	30.40	30.40
12	Monticello.....	54	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	21.20	3	2	3	8.00	.....	.....	3	1	56	29.20	29.20
13	Hokah.....	46	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	4	44	16.80	*37.60
14	Winona.....	222	.....	.....	.....	1	2	82.00	4	6	7	17.00	.....	4	11	15	218	99.00	99.00
15	Minneapolis.....	481	6	5	.....	3	.....	188.40	32	31	31	94.00	1	22	54	10	525	282.40	282.40
16	Caledonia.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.40	2	2	2	6.00	.....	1	3	4	41	20.40	20.40
17	Rochester.....	150	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	57.20	4	4	6	14.00	.....	.....	.....	7	149	71.20	71.20
18	Pleasant Grove.....	40	1	.....	.....	3	.....	14.80	2	2	2	5.00	1	.....	3	1	42	18.60	18.60
19	North Star.....	142	4	11	.....	.....	.....	49.20	6	5	4	15.00	.....	1	5	17	130	64.20	64.20
20	Wilton.....	35	.....	.....	.....	2	2	12.40	2	2	2	6.00	.....	.....	2	2	35	18.40	18.40
21	Western Star.....	106	5	.....	.....	2	2	38.80	4	4	4	12.00	2	4	10	7	109	50.80	50.80
22	Blue Earth Valley.....	73	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.60	6	5	4	15.00	.....	.....	4	9	68	40.60	39.80
23	Clearwater.....	47	.....	.....	.....	2	2	17.20	3	1	1	5.00	.....	.....	1	2	46	22.20	22.20
24	Morning Star.....	42	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.60	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1	1	42	16.60	*17.40
25	Anoka.....	134	1	2	.....	.....	1	52.00	16	15	15	46.00	2	2	19	3	150	98.00	98.00
26	King Hiram.....	39	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.60	2	2	2	6.00	.....	.....	2	2	36	19.60	19.60
27	Sakatah.....	62	1	5	.....	.....	.....	21.60	7	7	8	22.00	.....	5	13	69	43.60	43.60	
28	Star in the East.....	95	1	.....	.....	1	2	36.40	2	2	2	6.00	.....	.....	2	2	95	42.40	42.40
29	Oriental.....	50	2	.....	.....	2	2	17.60	2	2	3	7.00	.....	1	4	4	50	24.60	23.20
30	Mount Moriah.....	87	3	.....	.....	1	2	32.40	7	3	2	8.00	.....	.....	2	4	85	40.40	40.40
31	Preston.....	118	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.60	7	6	6	19.00	.....	.....	6	19	105	58.60	58.60
32	Mystic Tie.....	48	4	1	.....	.....	.....	16.00	2	3	5	15.00	1	.....	6	6	48	31.00	31.00
33	Washington.....	39				1	2	14.80	2	5	5	8.00	1	1	11	44	22.80	22.80	22.80
34	Fidelity.....	149	3			4	1	56.40	5	5	7	17.00				7	153	73.40	73.40

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																		For 1891.	Paid Grand Secretary.
40	Carnelian.....	93	6	8		2		\$29.60	7	7	7	\$21.00		3	10	19	84	\$50.60	\$50.60
41	Hermion.....	65	3	.....	.....	.....	1	24.40	3	2	3	8.00	.....	.....	3	3	65	32.40	32.40
42	Hope.....	63	2	3	.....	1	.....	22.40	4	4	4	12.00	.....	1	5	7	61	34.40	34.40
43	Harmony.....	41	1	1	.....	.....	2	14.80	4	4	4	6.00	.....	.....	2	2	41	20.80	20.80
44	King Solomon.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20	9	9	9	24.00	.....	1	9	1	52	41.20	41.20
45	Union.....	76	5	.....	.....	.....	2	27.60	2	2	2	7.00	.....	2	4	5	75	34.60	34.60
46	Evergreen.....	23	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	1	1	1	3.00	.....	.....	1	1	23	11.80	11.40
47	Concord.....	86	2	2	.....	1	2	30.40	3	3	3	19.00	.....	.....	5	3	88	27.40	27.40
48	Social.....	96	1	1	.....	.....	.....	36.80	3	3	3	4.00	.....	1	3	10	78	34.40	34.40
49	Rising Sun.....	30	3	.....	.....	.....	2	10.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3	27	10.00	10.00
50	Watertown.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16.80	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3	27	10.00	10.00
51	Acacia.....	44	1	1	.....	1	2	16.00	1	1	1	1.00	.....	.....	.....	3	27	10.00	10.00
52	Cannon River.....	44	1	1	.....	.....	2	37.20	4	5	5	14.00	.....	2	7	2	44	19.00	19.00
53	Nicollet.....	101	5	.....	.....	.....	2	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	51.20	51.20	
54	Zion.....	49	1	.....	.....	.....	2	53.20	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	4	6	47	18.00	18.00
55	Meridian.....	141	4	1	.....	.....	2	26.00	3	4	4	12.00	.....	.....	4	4	139	61.20	61.20
56	Blue Earth City.....	70	3	.....	.....	.....	2	34.40	8	5	4	17.00	.....	.....	4	4	71	43.00	43.00
57	Spring Valley.....	91	2	.....	.....	.....	2	36.80	5	6	5	20.00	.....	3	6	2	97	46.40	46.40
58	Temple.....	95	2	.....	.....	.....	2	29.20	6	6	6	19.00	.....	.....	8	3	99	56.80	56.80
59	Star in the West.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20.00	6	7	6	22.00	.....	3	9	.....	84	48.20	46.60
60	Ashler.....	53	1	.....	.....	.....	2	12.80	3	4	4	11.00	.....	.....	1	61	42.00	42.00	
61	Star.....	34	2	.....	.....	.....	2	26.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	.....	39	23.80	23.80
62	Illustrious.....	72	3	3	.....	1	.....	24.00	15	11	7	1.00	.....	1	9	6	69	27.40	30.00
63	Chain Lake.....	66	3	.....	.....	.....	2	13.20	2	2	2	5.00	.....	1	3	.....	71	57.00	57.00
64	Golden Rule.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10.00	3	2	2	7.00	.....	.....	1	30	17.00	18.20	
65	Madella.....	28	1	.....	.....	.....	2	18.40	4	4	4	12.00	.....	1	5	.....	37	17.00	17.00
66	Corinthian.....	48	1	.....	.....	.....	1	16.40	8	10	10	28.00	.....	.....	10	1	52	30.40	30.40
67	Mystic Star.....	47	4	.....	.....	.....	2	13.60	6	6	6	18.00	.....	.....	6	17	53	44.40	44.00
69	Paynesville.....	53	15	2	.....	2	.....	8.00	4	4	4	12.00	.....	.....	4	5	42	31.60	31.60
71	Lansing.....	25	1	.....	.....	.....	2	17.60	6	6	6	18.00	.....	3	9	1	52	35.20	8.00
72	Brownsville.....	22	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.00	1	1	1	3.00	.....	.....	1	2	37	17.00	17.00
73	Eureka.....	45	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.80	2	1	1	.....	.....	4	4	.....	37	37.80	37.80
75	Joppa.....	38	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	.....	.....	
76	Tuscan.....	92	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members, Jan. 1, 1891.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Exempl.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Fees.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	No. Members, Jan. 1, 1892.	FEES AND DUES.	
																		For 1891.	Paid Grand Secretary
130	Arcturus.....	25		2		1	2	\$18.80								3	49	\$18.80	
131	Alma.....	25				1		21.60									54	21.60	
132	Humboldt.....	28						11.20	2	1	1	\$4.00			2		30	15.20	
133	Golden Sheaf.....	78				1	2	29.60	3	3		9.00			5		81	38.60	
134	Cokato.....	43		2				14.80	6	6	3	25.00			9		48	39.80	
135	Nelson.....	36						14.00								4	36	14.00	
136	Walnut.....	23					2	8.40									23	8.40	
137	Appleton.....	61				2		22.80	3	3	3	9.00			4		62	31.80	
138	Orion.....	36					2	13.60	4	5	5	13.00			9		41	26.60	
139	Verndale.....	36		1			1	13.60	4	4	7	19.00			9		32	27.40	
140	Little Falls.....	51				1		19.20	4	4	2	2.00			6		53	21.20	
141	Crookston.....	104						38.80	1	3	6	10.00			12		105	48.80	
142	Currie.....	39					3	10.00	5	1	7	3.00			11		43	13.00	
143	Lakeview.....	37						12.80		7		19.00			5		43	31.80	
144	Melrose.....	31		2		1	2	10.00									27	10.00	
145	Benton.....	36					2	12.80	1	1	1	3.00					35	15.40	
146	Canby.....	41						15.20	5	7	7	19.00			7		45	34.20	
147	Quarry.....	75		4		1		25.60	7	7	3	21.00			11		72	46.60	
148	Guardian.....	29						10.80	4	4	12	11.00			4		31	21.80	
149	Warren.....	44		2		1		14.80	12	12	3	36.00			13		50	50.80	
150	Chaika.....	23						11.60	3	3	3	9.00					32	20.60	
151	Frontier.....	42						17.20	5	5	5	15.00			5		48	32.20	
152	Kodalya.....	33				1		11.60	4	4	3	4.00			3		31	15.60	
153	Norman.....	18		2			2	5.20	8	10	10	28.00			12		37	33.20	
154	Tracy.....	49				1		17.60	9	8	7	24.00			7		52	41.60	
155	Wadena.....	61					1	20.80	14	11	12	37.00			18		70	57.80	
156	Hector.....	38		7			2	13.80	3	3	2	10.00			6		36	23.80	
157	Long Prairie.....	24				1		15.60	4	5	5	14.00			3		43	23.80	
158	Plymouth.....	42				1		18.00	12	11	12	35.00			14		110	73.00	
159	Sincerity.....	102		3			1	10.00	1	1					1		28	17.00	
160	Prescott.....	38					2	13.60				3.00					35	16.60	
161	Summit.....	182		2	1		1	69.20	15	18	18	51.00			22		196	120.20	
162	Jasper.....	39				1		14.80	6	4	4	14.00			6		43	28.80	

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL—1892.

GRAND OFFICERS.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
Alphonso Barto, G. M.	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	Alphonso Barto.
W. F. Dickinson, D. G. M.	4.80	6.00	10.80	W. F. Dickinson.
Chas. D. Boyce, S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	C. D. Boyce.
H. C. Shepard, J. G. W.	4.15	6.00	10.15	H. C. Shepard.
J. H. Thompson, G. T.	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Thompson.
T. Montgomery, G. S.		6.00	6.00	T. Montgomery.
L. D. Boynton, G. C.	.50	6.00	6.50	L. D. Boynton.
Wm. B. Patton, S. G. D.	5.80	6.00	11.80	W. B. Patton.
O. C. Hanson, J. G. D.	6.40	6.00	12.40	O. C. Hanson.
E. P. Case, G. M.	2.60	6.00	8.60	E. P. Case.
J. D. Markham, G. St. B.	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. D. Markham.
Geo. Brookins, G. Sw. B.		6.00	6.00	Geo. Brookins.
J. S. Nelson, S. G. S.	1.65	6.00	7.65	J. S. Nelson.
W. W. Foote, G. P.	6.50	6.00	12.50	W. W. Foote.
J. C. Fischer, G. T.		6.00	6.00	J. C. Fischer.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.				
Chas. W. Nash, P. G. M.	.50	6.00	6.50	C. W. Nash.
Chas. Griswold, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.	1.00	6.00	7.00	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.50	6.00	12.50	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. H. Gove.
J. A. Kiester, P. G. M.	4.85	6.00	10.85	J. A. Kiester.
D. B. Loomis, P. D. G. M.	1.00	6.00	7.00	D. B. Loomis.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	5.50	6.00	11.50	Geo. H. Davis.
Thos. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. Lombard.
Sam. E. Adams, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	Edgar Nash.
L. Z. Rogers, P. S. G. W.	2.62	6.00	8.62	L. Z. Rogers.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.	1.00	6.00	7.00	Wm. Lee.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	4.70	6.00	10.70	E. P. Barnum.
A. J. Edgerton, P. J. G. W.	8.30	6.00	14.30	A. J. Edgerton.
C. H. Smith, P. J. G. W.		6.00	6.00	C. H. Smith.
A. La Due, P. J. G. W.	3.65	6.00	9.65	A. La Due.
COMMITTEE ON LODGE RETURNS.				
W. F. Dickinson (2 days)		6.00	6.00	W. F. Dickinson.
L. R. Barto (5 days)	4.70	15.00	19.70	L. R. Barto.
H. R. Denny (3 days)		9.00	9.00	H. R. Denny.

PAY ROLL, 1892—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1892.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
1	St. Johns.....	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	P. B. Smith.
2	Cataract.....	.50	6.00	6.50	C. E. Van Cleve.
3	St. Paul.....		6.00	6.00	J. F. Lawless.
4	Hennepin.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Randall.
5	Ancient Landmark.....		6.00	6.00	F. H. Ribler.
7	Dakota.....	.80	6.00	6.80	M. H. Sullivan.
8	Red Wing.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	H. A. Buel.
9	Faribault.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	Walter Birch.
11	Mantorville.....	3.65	6.00	9.65	M. E. Mallory.
12	Mankato.....	3.25	6.00	9.25	Geo. W. Mead.
14	Wapahasa.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	C. J. Haines.
16	Monticello.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	H. A. Irvine.
17	Hokah.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	A. J. Snure.
18	Winona.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. K. Morton.
19	Minneapolis.....	.50	6.00	6.50	H. M. Myers.
20	Caledonia.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	Moses Emery.
21	Rochester.....	3.67	6.00	9.67	H. R. Hymes.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	W. W. Parkinson.
23	North Star.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	C. T. Fawcett.
24	Wilton.....	3.90	6.00	9.90	J. H. Elmore.
26	Western Star.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	J. R. Halvorson.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	L. G. Beebe.
28	Clearwater.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	W. T. Rigby.
29	Morning Star.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	R. Remp.
30	Anoka.....	1.75	6.00	7.75	J. C. H. Engel.
31	King Hiram.....	1.35	6.00	7.35	B. E. Varner.
32	Sakatah.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	Chas. A. Backman.
33	Star in the East.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	C. W. Burdick.
34	Oriental.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	J. H. Moetz.
35	Mount Moriah.....	.80	6.00	6.80	Henry Fischer.
36	Preston.....	6.50	6.00	12.50	H. Nupsen.
37	Mystic Tie.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	W. W. Jewell.
38	Washington.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	T. J. Dykes.
39	Fidelity.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	T. A. Emerson.
40	Carnelian.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	J. W. Kennedy.
41	Hermon.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	D. B. Schofield.
42	Hope.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	L. W. Gilbert.
43	Harmony.....	5.27	6.00	11.27	F. M. Curtis.
44	King Solomon.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	H. T. Peck.
45	Union.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	E. Hunsaker.
47	Concord.....	3.25	6.00	9.25	C. Hill.
48	Social.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	F. L. White.
49	Rising Sun.....	4.45	6.00	10.45	R. A. Johnson.
51	Acacia.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	I. T. Morey.
52	Cannon River.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	Geo. Molm.
54	Nicollet.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	N. B. Patten.
55	Zion.....	1.80	6.00	7.80	W. X. Folsom.
57	Blue Earth City.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	G. F. Constans.
58	Spring Valley.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	E. G. H. Adams.
59	Temple.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	W. W. Sivright.
60	Star in the West.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	P. Lamb.
61	Ashler.....	4.20	6.00	10.20	A. F. Rockwell.
63	Illustrious.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	G. R. Hall.
64	Chain Lake.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	James McHench.
65	Golden Rule.....	1.00	6.00	7.00	R. H. Sanderson.
66	Madelia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. T. Furber.
67	Corinthian.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	J. M. D. Craft.
69	Mystic Star.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	G. W. Rockwell.
71	Paynesville.....	3.80	6.00	9.80	H. Blakely.
72	Lansing.....	3.80	6.00	9.80	S. C. Seavey.
75	Eureka.....	5.15	6.00	11.15	C. A. Roy.
78	Mystic Circle.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	J. O. Briggs.
79	Palestine.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	N. A. Gearhart.
80	Henderson.....	2.05	6.00	8.05	J. D. Simpson.
82	Howard.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	J. F. Lauzer.
83	Huram Abi.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	H. W. Brown.

PAY ROLL, 1892—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1892.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
84	Orient.....	\$3.80	\$6.00	\$9.80	Taylor Robinson.
85	High Forest.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	F. E. Dean.
86	Tyrian.....	4.85	6.00	10.85	S. W. Hall.
89	Golden Fleece.....	4.55	6.00	10.55	C. Bertelson.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Alex. Fiddes.
91	Antiquity.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	A. Birum.
92	Fraternal.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	William Cordiner.
93	Unity.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	A. W. Gordon.
94	Keystone.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. P. Larson.
95	Sherburne.....	2.45	6.00	8.45	W. F. Chadbourne.
96	Libanus.....	4.65	6.00	10.65	M. E. Mullen.
97	Prudence.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	G. E. Le Tourneau.
99	Corner Stone.....	11.15	6.00	17.15	A. Brandenburg.
100	Aurora.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	Geo. M. Day.
101	Fraternity.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	C. W. Smith.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	G. W. Franchere.
104	Sharon.....	6.80	6.00	12.80	B. F. Jenness.
106	Mount Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	G. C. Bush.
108	Relief.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	O. H. Phillips.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	W. H. Wells.
110	Pickwick.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	F. Sinclair.
111	Carver.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	Ed. Peterson.
112	Khurum.....	.50	6.00	6.50	Geo. B. Bowers.
113	Excelsior.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	A. S. Dimond.
114	Ben. Franklin.....	8.30	6.00	14.30	J. O. Helgeson.
115	Elgin.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	H. C. Woodruff.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	D. L. Tanner.
117	Granite.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	A. R. Roe.
118	Newport.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. O. Mackentosh.
119	Delta.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	J. B. Gibbons.
121	Grand Meadow.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	W. H. Bentley.
122	Kellogg.....	.60	6.00	6.60	J. C. Parkhurst.
124	Janesville.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	.90	6.00	6.90	G. W. Savage.
126	Moorhead.....	9.65	6.00	15.65	H. W. Alsop.
129	Swift.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	A. D. Aldrich.
130	Arcturus.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	J. F. Oliva.
131	Alma.....	6.60	6.00	12.60	E. L. Stanley.
132	Humboldt.....	1.75	6.00	7.75	I. T. Wagner.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	C. L. Brown.
134	Cokato.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	J. T. Olson.
135	Nelson.....	1.70	6.00	7.70	Thos. Hellier.
137	Appleton.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	A. D. Countryman.
138	Orion.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	S. M. Sivertson.
141	Crookston.....	12.00	6.00	18.00	A. D. Stephens.
142	Currie.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	A. R. Endersbee.
143	Lakeview.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	J. T. Crippen.
145	Melrose.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	A. A. Whitney.
146	Benton.....	7.45	6.00	13.45	J. H. Hanson.
147	Canby.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	D. W. Drummond.
148	Quarry.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	C. W. Gilmore.
149	Guardian.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. S. Donaldson.
150	Warren.....	13.20	6.00	19.20	L. Lamberson.
151	Chaska.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
152	Frontier.....	8.30	6.00	14.30	J. N. Fox.
153	Kodahya.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	A. S. Crossfield.
154	Norman.....	10.75	6.00	16.75	B. F. Ashelman.
155	Tracy.....	4.25	6.00	10.25	H. M. Workman.
156	Wadena.....	6.55	6.00	12.55	M. J. Katzy.
157	Perham.....	12.25	6.00	18.25	C. L. Baxter.
158	Hector.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	S. Dewees.
159	Plymouth.....	.50	6.00	6.50	L. O. Merriam.
160	Sincerity.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	W. R. Holly.
161	Prescott.....	7.05	6.00	13.05	Geo. C. Bruggencate.
162	Summit.....		6.00	6.00	Geo. L. Wilson.
163	Jasper.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	S. C. Johnson.

PAY ROLL, 1892—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1892.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
165	Minnehaha.....	\$0.50	\$6.00	\$6.50	F. Gunther.
166	Garnet.....	.30	6.00	6.30	J. M. King.
168	Braden.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Wm. Densmore.
169	Pierson.....	13.10	6.00	19.10	F. D. Bell.
170	Fulda.....	6.85	6.00	12.85	Geo. D. Taylor.
171	Shekinah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Geo. F. Dix.
172	Marietta.....	1.80	6.00	7.80	B. Fream.
173	Plumb Line.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	M. K. Nelson.
174	Valley.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	W. F. Dougherty.
175	Roman Eagle.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	A. J. Rice.
176	Ark.....	.50	6.00	6.50	A. E. Allen.
177	Rough Ashler.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	W. W. Thomson.
178	Anchor.....	3.88	6.00	9.88	Geo. E. Putney.
179	King David.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	C. B. Franklin.
180	Osakis.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	R. Flore.
181	Dalles.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	Albert Cox.
182	Fair Haven.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	L. H. Munger.
184	Shell.....	8.45	6.00	14.45	W. H. Martin.
185	Midway.....	.....	6.00	6.00	P. McCallum.
186	Ionic.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	F. B. Lazier.
187	Arcana.....	.50	6.00	6.50	G. A. Reichard.
188	Fortitude.....	7.45	6.00	13.45	F. A. Blake.
189	Traverse.....	11.25	6.00	17.25	S. W. Frasier.
190	Triune.....	.30	6.00	6.30	John Fishel.
191	Mizpah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	B. Converse.
193	Amboy.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	C. M. Green.
194	Canton.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	H. H. Haskins.
195	Renville.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	J. T. Brooks.
196	Geneva.....	6.85	6.00	12.85	H. L. Hayden.
198	Euclid.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	G. J. Mallory.
199	Murray.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. H. Low.
		\$771.84	\$1,206.00	\$1,977.84	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Guardian.....	149	Paynesville.....	71
Anoka.....	30	Garnet.....	166	Palestine.....	79
Acacia.....	51	Geneva.....	196	Prudence.....	97
Ashler.....	61	Hennepin.....	4	Pickwick.....	110
Antiquity.....	91	Hokah.....	17	Prairie.....	123
Aurora.....	100	Herman.....	41	Perham.....	157
Arcturus.....	130	Hope.....	42	Plymouth.....	160
Alma.....	131	Harmony.....	43	Prescott.....	162
Appleton.....	137	Henderson.....	80	Pierson.....	169
Agate.....	167	Howard.....	82	Plumb Line.....	173
Ark.....	176	Huram Abi.....	83	Pelican Rapids.....	183
Anchor.....	178	High Forest.....	85	Quarry.....	148
Arcana.....	187	Humboldt.....	132	Red Wing.....	8
Amboy.....	193	Hector.....	158	Rochester.....	21
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Illustrious.....	63	Rising Sun.....	49
Blue Earth City.....	57	Ionic.....	186	Relief.....	108
Brownsville.....	73	Joppa.....	76	Roman Eagle.....	175
Bethel.....	103	Janesville.....	124	Rough Ashler.....	177
Ben. Franklin.....	114	Josephus.....	128	Renville.....	195
Bird Island.....	144	Jasper.....	164	St. Johns.....	1
Benton.....	146	King Hiram.....	31	St. Paul.....	3
Bradén.....	168	King Solomon.....	44	Sakatah.....	32
Cataract.....	2	Keystone.....	94	Star in the East.....	33
Caledonia.....	20	Khurum.....	112	Social.....	48
Clearwater.....	28	Kellogg.....	122	Spring Valley.....	58
Carnelian.....	40	Kodahya.....	153	Star in the West.....	60
Concord.....	47	King David.....	179	Star.....	62
Cannon River.....	52	Kenyon.....	201	Sherburne.....	95
Chain Lake.....	64	Lansing.....	72	Sharon.....	104
Corinthian.....	67	Libanus.....	96	Sunset.....	109
Constellation.....	81	Lebanon.....	102	Swift.....	129
Charity.....	98	Lafayette.....	116	Sincerity.....	161
Corner Stone.....	99	Lakeview.....	143	Summit.....	163
Carver.....	111	Long Prairie.....	159	Shekinah.....	171
Cokato.....	134	Little Falls.....	140	Shell.....	184
Crookston.....	141	Mantorville.....	11	Stewartville.....	203
Currie.....	142	Mankato.....	12	St. Elmo.....	204
Canby.....	147	Monticello.....	16	Staples.....	U. D.
Chaska.....	151	Minneapolis.....	19	Temple.....	59
Crow River.....	192	Morning Star.....	29	Tuscan.....	77
Canton.....	194	Mount Moriah.....	35	Tyrian.....	86
Dakota.....	7	Mystic Tie.....	37	Tracy.....	155
Doric.....	87	Meridian.....	56	Traverse.....	189
Delta.....	119	Madelia.....	66	Triune.....	190
Dalles.....	181	Mystic Star.....	69	Union.....	45
Evergreen.....	46	Mystic Circle.....	78	Unity.....	93
Eureka.....	75	Mount Tabor.....	106	Venus.....	202
Excelsior.....	113	Moorhead.....	126	Verndale.....	139
Elgin.....	115	Melrose.....	145	Valley.....	174
Euclid.....	198	Minnehaha.....	165	Vermillion.....	197
Faribault.....	9	Marietta.....	172	Wapahasa.....	14
Fidelity.....	39	Midway.....	185	Winona.....	18
Fraternal.....	92	Mizpah.....	191	Wilton.....	24
Fraternity.....	101	Murray.....	198	Western Star.....	26
Frontier.....	152	North Star.....	23	Washington.....	38
Fulda.....	170	Nicollet.....	54	Watertown.....	59
Fair Haven.....	182	Newport.....	118	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Fortitude.....	188	Nelson.....	135	Walnut.....	130
Forston.....	U. D.	Norman.....	154	Warren.....	156
Golden Rule.....	65	Oriental.....	34	Wadena.....	U. D.
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orient.....	84	Wayzata.....	55
Good Faith.....	90	Orion.....	138	Zion.....	200
Granite.....	117	Osakis.....	180	Zenith.....	
Grand Meadow.....	121	Pleasant Grove.....	22		
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Preston.....	36		

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada	Norman	154	Hokah	Hokah	17
Adrian	Roman Eagle	175	Houston	Mystic Circle	78
Albert Lea	Western Star	26	Howard	Howard	82
Alexandria	Constellation	81	Hutchinson	Temple	59
Alma City	Wilton	24	Jackson	Good Faith	90
Amboy	Amboy	193	Janesville	Janesville	124
Anoka	Anoka	30	Jasper	St. Elmo	204
Appleton	Appleton	137	Jordan	King Hiram	31
Atwater	Orion	138	Kasson	Huram Abi	83
Austin	Fidelity	39	Kellogg	Kellogg	122
Belle Plaine	Rough Ashler	177	Kenyon	Kenyon	201
Benson	Swift	129	La Crescent	Morning Star	29
Bird Island	Bird Island	144	Lake Benton	Benton	146
Blooming Prairie	Prairie	123	Lake City	Carnelian	40
Blue Earth City	Blue Earth City	57	Lake Crystal	Bethel	103
Brainerd	Aurora	100	Lakeland	Golden Rule	65
Breckenridge	Frontier	152	Lanesboro	Lebanon	102
Browns Valley	Kodahya	153	Lansing	Lansing	72
Brownsville	Brownsville	73	Le Roy	Eureka	75
Brownsdale	Lafayette	116	Le Sueur	Union	45
Brownston	Guardian	149	Lewiston	Harmony	43
Buffalo	Nelson	135	Litchfield	Golden Fleece	89
Caledonia	Caledonia	20	Little Falls	Little Falls	140
Campbell	Agate	167	Long Prairie	Long Prairie	159
Canby	Canby	147	Luverne	Ben. Franklin	114
Cannon Falls	Oriental	34	Lyle	Alma	131
Canton	Canton	194	Madelia	Madelia	66
Carver	Carver	111	Madison	Geneva	196
Chaska	Chaska	151	Maine Prairie	Plumb Line	173
Chatfield	Meridian	56	Mankato	Mankato	12
Clearwater	Clearwater	28	Mantorville	Mantorville	11
Cleveland	Concord	47	Marietta	Marietta	172
Cloquet	Dalles	181	Marshall	Delta	119
Cokato	Cokato	134	Mapleton	Josephus	128
Cottage Grove	Acacia	51	Mazeppa	Tyrian	86
Crookston	Crookston	141	Melrose	Melrose	145
Currie	Currie	142	Minneapolis	Cataract	2
Dawson	Venus	201	Minneapolis	Hennepin	4
Detroit	Mt. Tabor	106	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	19
Dodge Centre	Relief	108	Minneapolis	Khurum	112
Duluth	Palestine	79	Minneapolis	Plymouth	160
Duluth	Ionic	186	Minneapolis	Minnehaha	165
Elgin	Elgin	115	Minneapolis	Ark	176
Elk River	Sherburne	95	Minneapolis	Arcana	187
Elmore	King David	179	Money Creek	Orient	84
Excelsior	Excelsior	113	Montevideo	Sunset	109
Eyota	Ashler	61	Monticello	Monticello	16
Fair Haven	Fair Haven	182	Moorhead	Moorhead	126
Fairmont	Chain Lake	64	Morris	Golden Sheaf	133
Faribault	Faribault	9	Morristown	Cannon River	52
Farmington	Corinthian	67	New Barnesville	Pierson	169
Fergus Falls	Corner Stone	99	New London	Crow River	192
Fosston	Fosston	U. D.	Newport	Newport	118
Fulda	Fulda	170	New Ulm	Charity	98
Glencoe	Hope	42	Northfield	Social	48
Glenwood	Valley	174	Ortonville	Lakeview	143
Good Thunder	Joppa	76	Osakis	Osakis	180
Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow	121	Osseo	Winslow Lewis	125
Granite Falls	Granite	117	Owatonna	Star in the East	33
Hastings	Dakota	7	Park Rapids	Shell	184
Hastings	Mt. Moriah	35	Paynesville	Paynesville	71
Hector	Hector	153	Pelican Rapids	Pelican Rapids	183
Henderson	Henderson	80	Perham	Perham	157
Herman	Prescott	162	Pickwick	Pickwick	110
High Forest	High Forest	85	Pine Island	Mystic Tie	37

APPENDIX F—Continued.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Pipestone.....	Quarry.....	148	St. Paul.....	Shekinah.....	171
Plainview.....	Illustrious.....	63	St. Paul.....	Midway.....	185
Pleasant Grove ..	Pleasant Grove.....	22	St. Paul.....	Triume.....	190
Preston.....	Preston.....	36	St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	54
Princeton.....	Fraternal.....	92	Taylor's Falls.....	Zion.....	55
Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8	Tower.....	Vermillion.....	197
Red Wing.....	Arcturus.....	130	Tracy.....	Tracy.....	155
Redwood Falls...	Antiquity.....	91	Troy.....	Evergreen.....	46
Renville.....	Renville.....	195	Two Harbors.....	Fortitude.....	188
Rochester.....	Rochester.....	21	Verndale.....	Verndale.....	139
Rockford.....	Star.....	62	Villard.....	Sincerity.....	161
Royalton.....	Anchor.....	178	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa.....	14
Rush City.....	Jasper.....	164	Wadena.....	Wadena.....	156
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	69	Walnut Grove...	Walnut.....	136
Sauk Centre.....	Star in the West...	60	Warren.....	Warren.....	150
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity.....	93	Waseca.....	Tuscan.....	77
Shakopee.....	King Solomon.....	44	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	50
Slayton.....	Murray.....	199	Waterville.....	Sakatah.....	32
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone.....	94	Wayzata.....	Wayzata.....	U. D.
South St. Paul.....	Mizpah.....	191	Wells.....	Doric.....	87
Springfield.....	Zenith.....	200	West Concord...	Washington... ..	38
Spring Valley.....	Spring Valley.....	58	West Duluth.....	Euclid.....	168
Staples.....	Staples.....	U. D.	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	189
Stewartville.....	Stewartville.....	203	White Bear.....	Garnet.....	166
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Willmar.....	Sharon.....	104
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Windom.....	Prudence.....	97
St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley..	27
St. James.....	Libanus.....	96	Winona.....	Winona.....	18
St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3	Worthington.....	Fraternity.....	101
St. Paul.....	Ancie't Landmark	5	Young America...	Humboldt.....	132
St. Paul.....	Summit.....	163	Zumbrota.....	Hermon.....	41
St. Paul.....	Braden.....	168			

APPENDIX G.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE OF DEATH.
1	St. Johns.....	Hollis R. Murdock.....	Jan. 14, 1891.
		Oscar A. Watier.....	July 14, 1891.
2	Cataract	W. A. Morse.....	March 9, 1891.
		J. G. Gluck.....	April 2, 1891.
		John W. Staples.....	April 19, 1891.
		H. M. Kent.....	Aug. 9, 1891.
		R. W. Cummings.....	Sept. 11, 1891.
3	St. Paul.....	R. A. Kemp	March 11, 1891.
4	Hennepin.....	J. K. P. Miller.....	Jan. 12, 1891.
		John Chant	Feb. 24, 1891.
		J. A. Thompson.....	June 10, 1891.
5	Ancient Landmark	James P. Pond.....	Jan. 11, 1891.
		Thos. H. Bean.....	Feb. 12, 1891.
		Geo. W. Moore.....	Feb. 13, 1891.
		Wm. M. Tilotson.....	Feb. 16, 1891.
		Julius Austrian.....	March 18, 1891.
		Thos. Barwise.....	June 23, 1891.
		Harry Burningham.....	July 25, 1891.
		Sol. Kahn.....	Dec. 10, 1891.
		Henry Y. Smith.....	Dec. 10, 1891.
8	Red Wing.....	Chrisr. Graham.....	May 20, 1891.
		Willet W. De Kay.....	June 18, 1891.
		E. T. Mallory.....	Sept. 6, 1891.
		Wm. Eisenbrand.....	Oct. 1, 1891.
		Chrisr. Cogel.....	Nov. 20, 1891.
		E. L. Baker.....	Dec. 22, 1891.
9	Faribault.....	N. M. Bemis.....	Jan. 29, 1891.
		Seth B. Brockway.....	Aug. 5, 1891.
		Leroy Converse.....	Feb. 13, 1891.
11	Mantorville	W. W. Ely.....	March 11, 1891.
		S. W. Hosmen.....	Feb. 7, 1889.
12	Mankato.....	Thos S. Oliver.....	June 6, 1891.
		J. E. Tourtelotte.....	July 21, 1891.
14	Wapahasa	Francis Talbot.....	Nov. 12, 1891.
		W. H. Soules.....	Sept. 16, 1891.

APPENDIX G—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE OF DEATH.
16	Monticello	Charles B. Jordan.....	Sept. 25, 1891.
18	Winona.....	Alfred Mowbray.....	June 12, 1891.
19	Minneapolis.....	Tobias G. Ridgeway.....	Feb. 4, 1891.
		John W. Shyrock	Oct. 9, 1891.
		Thos. Thomson.....	Nov. 17, 1891.
21	Rochester	David Lesner.....	Jan. 23, 1891.
		Chas. Shandrew.....	Feb. 7, 1891.
		Herbert A. Harris.....	Oct. 6, 1891.
23	North Star.....	C. W. Kingsbury.....	June 27, 1891.
		Wm. A. Riley.....	Sept. 26, 1891.
24	Wilton	M. McMann	Feb. —, 1891.
26	Western Star.....	John Heising.....	March 14, 1891.
		Walt J. Bucknell.....	Nov. 25, 1891.
27	Blue Earth Valley..	Virgel V. Hinman.....	Jan. 14, 1891.
		Tobias L. Rice.....	April 9, 1891.
28	Clearwater.....	Jos. H. Locke.....	Jan. 23, 1891.
		J. D. Wheelock.....	Sept. 11, 1891.
33	Star in the East....	E. M. Morehouse	May 23, 1891.
34	Oriental.....	Alonzo Dibble	July 10, 1891.
		Heber H. Manning.....	Dec. 25, 1891.
35	Mount Moriah.....	Theo. Woodward.....	Aug. 2, 1891.
37	Mystic Tie.....	E. G. Comstock	May 20, 1891.
39	Fidelity.....	H. W. Elms.....	March 1, 1891.
		M. Becker.....	April 7, 1891.
		F. D. Beecher	April 18, 1891.
		W. M. Catherwood.....	Aug. 14, 1891.
40	Carnelian	John McBride.....	May 16, 1891.
		C. F. Rogers.....	Nov. 5, 1891.
42	Hope	James C. Edson.....	Jan. 27, 1891.
44	King Solomon	Geo. W. Gardner.....	Dec. 20, 1891.
47	Concord	Willard R. Smith	May 31, 1891.
51	Acacia	Thos. P. James.....	March 25, 1891.
54	Nicollet	Lyman P. Wildes.....	July 28, 1891.
55	Zion	Peter Pearson Munroe..	Aug. 14, 1891.
56	Meridian.....	Clark Brown	Sept. 27, 1891.
57	Blue Earth City....	Archibald McDonald....	Sept. 5, 1891.
59	Temple	Geo. C. Stocking	Aug. 21, 1891.
63	Illustrious	Geo. W. Harrington....	Aug. 10, 1891.
64	Chain Lake.....	Reuben M. Ward.....	April 10, 1891.
71	Paynesville.....	John E. Tuttle.....	Sept. 25, 1891.
		T. N. Lund.....	—, 1891.
72	Lansing	James W. George.....	May 26, 1891.
		John Bartlett.....	June 19, 1891.
77	Tuscan	Benedict S. Lewis.....	May 16, 1891.
79	Palestine	Wm. S. Buson.....	Dec. 23, 1890.
80	Henderson	Fred E. Elsham.....	April 29, 1891.
81	Constellation	Geo. W. Robards.....	Nov. 2, 1891.
83	Huram Abi.....	T. K. Kasson.....	June 22, 1891.
85	High Forest.....	O. Hart.....	Jan. 5, 1891.
		Wm. Carson.....	July 18, 1891.
87	Doric	Dan. Straw.....	July 18, 1881.
		Wm. I. Payne	July 6, 1891.

APPENDIX G—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE OF DEATH.
89	Golden Fleece	Alex. Cairncross.....	Dec. 15, 1891.
92	Fraternal	J. L. Bloomingdale.....	March 1, 1891.
		Wm. B. Cilley.....	Sept. 15, 1891.
95	Sherburne	Eddy Dickey.....	Feb. 26, 1891.
97	Prudence	Geo. S. Collins	March —, 1891.
100	Aurora	Thos. C. Bivins	July 31, 1891.
102	Lebanon.....	John Ward	Jan. 20, 1891.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	A. Heaslip	Aug. 8, 1891.
109	Sunset.....	Gabriel Bishop	Nov. 29, 1891.
111	Carver.....	Enoch Holmes	Aug. 17, 1891.
112	Khurum	H. D. Latimer.....	Dec. 5, 1891.
		Edward Russell.....	Dec. 18, 1891.
117	Granite.....	W. W. Pinney.....	Feb. 3, 1891.
121	Grand Meadow.....	Lyman D. Jackson.....	Oct. 22, 1891.
122	Kellogg	Geo. B. Albertson.....	June 9, 1891.
124	Janesville.....	Caleb Hallock.....	June 20, 1891.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	Isaac Potter	April 24, 1891.
126	Moorhead	Enoch C. F. Hansen.....	Dec. 7, 1891.
128	Josephus.....	Abram Moses	July 26, 1891.
130	Arcturus.....	F. A. Williamson.....	Nov. 17, 1891.
131	Alma	William Wheeler	July 13, 1891.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	S. P. Scofield.....	Nov. 21, 1891.
137	Appleton	Alf. W. Lathrop	March 9, 1891.
		Hans N. Hegvold.....	Sept. 4, 1891.
140	Little Falls.....	J. D. Fuller.....	Feb. 2, 1891.
145	Melrose	Henry Lowery.....	July 22, 1891.
148	Quarry.....	Harold S. Briggs.....	Aug. 13, 1891.
150	Warren	John Foreman.....	Dec. 26, 1891.
152	Frontier	Andrew Brandrup	Dec. 16, 1891.
155	Tracy	C. J. Gardner.....	March 2, 1891.
158	Hector.....	Francis Headley.....	April 22, 1891.
159	Long Prairie.....	D. H. McCauly.....	April 2, 1891.
164	Jasper	Henry J. Brinkman.....	Sept. 22, 1891.
167	Agate.....	Frank E. Heath.....	July 29, 1891.
		Edgar W. Knowls.....	Dec. 20, 1891.
174	Valley.....	John W. Fredericks.....	March 29, 1891.
		Joseph Peacock.....	May 30, 1891.
175	Roman Eagle.....	Thos. H. Childs.....	Oct. 17, 1891.
		Clifford E. Chamberlain	Sept. 7, 1891.
176	Ark.....	S. Bridgeman.....	Aug. 19, 1891.
		J. R. Everard.....	Nov. 22, 1891.
		J. S. J. Bean	Dec. 12, 1891.
188	Fortitude.....	Robert W. McGee.....	Oct. 19, 1891.
199	Murray	Newton P. Shepard.....	May 8, 1891.

APPENDIX H.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. . F. . & A. . M. ., into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the Right Worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. . W. . ELIAS LINT (36), PRESTON.

Hokah.....	17	Brownsville.....	73
Caledonia.....	20	Pickwick.....	110
Morning Star.....	29	Canton.....	194
Preston.....	36		

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. . W. . M. O. WILSIE (121), GRAND MEADOW.

Spring Valley.....	58	Orient.....	84
Mystic Star.....	69	Lebanon.....	102
Mystic Circle.....	78	Grand Meadow.....	121

THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. S. A. EMERSON (39), AUSTIN.

Fidelity	39	Lafayette.....	116
Lansing.....	72	Prairie	123
Eureka.....	75	Alma.....	131

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. TRUMAN B. HORTON (203), STEWARTVILLE.

Pleasant Grove.....	22	High Forest.....	85
Meridian	56	Stewartville.....	203

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. HENRY C. SHEPARD (18), WINONA.

Winona	18	Ashler.....	61
Harmony	43	Illustrious.....	63
Evergreen.....	46	Elgin	115
Rising Sun	49		

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. G. WHEELER (83), KASSON.

Mantorville.....	11	Huram Abi	83
Rochester	21	Relief.....	108
Washington	38	Kenyon	201

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. E. J. MANNING (40), LAKE CITY.

Wapahasa.....	14	Hermon.....	41
Mystic Tie.....	37	Tyrian	86
Carnelian	40	Kellogg	122

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. A. BUEL (8), RED WING.

Dakota	7	Mount Moriah.....	35
Red Wing.....	8	Arcturus	130
Oriental.....	34		

NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. M. M. CLARK (48), NORTHFIELD.

Faribault	9	Cannon River.....	52
Star in the East.....	33	Corinthian	67
Social	48		

TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. M. G. KIMBALL (32), WATERTVILLE.

Wilton	24	Tuscan.....	77
Western Star.....	26	Janesville	124
Sakatah	32		

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. A. C. DUNN (27), WINNEBAGO CITY.

Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Good Faith.....	90
Blue Earth City.....	57	King David.....	179
Chain Lake.....	64	Amboy	193
Doric.....	87		

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHAS. W. SMITH (101), WORTHINGTON.

Prudence.....	97	Ben. Franklin.....	114
Fraternity.....	101	Roman Eagle.....	175

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: CHAS. A. CHAPMAN (12), MANKATO.

Mankato.....	12	Libanus.....	96
Madelia	66	Bethel	103
Joppa	76	Josephus	128

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: GEO. W. TAYLOR (45), LE SUEUR.

Union.....	45	Nicollet	54
Concord	47	Henderson	80

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: C. W. GILMORE (148), PIPESTONE.

Currie.....	142	Murray.....	199
Quarry	148	St. Elmo	204
Fulda.....	170		

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: M. E. MATHEWS (119), MARSHALL.

Delta.....	119	Canby	147
Walnut	136	Tracy	155
Benton	146	Springfield	200

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: ALBERT MARDEN (98), NEW ULM.

Antiquity.....	91	Marietta.....	172
Keystone.....	94	Geneva.....	196
Charity.....	98	Venus.....	202

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. : W. : J. Q. McINTOSH (118), NEWPORT.

St. Johns.....	1	Newport.....	118
Acacia.....	51	Jasper.....	164
Zion.....	55	Garnet.....	166
Golden Rule.....	65		

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R. : W. : I. B. B. SPRAGUE (5), ST. PAUL.

St. Paul.....	3	Shekinah.....	171
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Midway.....	185
Summit.....	163	Triune.....	190
Braden.....	168	Mizpah.....	191

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R. : W. : GEO. R. CHIPMAN (160), MINNEAPOLIS.

Cataract.....	2	Plymouth.....	160
Hennepin.....	4	Minnehaha.....	165
Minneapolis.....	19	Ark.....	176
Khurum.....	112	Arcana.....	187

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. : W. : J. S. BARNARD (111), CARVER.

King Hiram.....	31	Chaska.....	151
King Solomon.....	44	Rough Ashler.....	177
Carver.....	111		

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. : W. : R. S. MILES (42), GLENCOE.

Hope.....	42	Guardian.....	149
Temple.....	59	Hector.....	158
Bird Island.....	144	Renville.....	195

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. A. D. COUNTRYMAN (137), APPLETON.

Sunset.....	109	Appleton.....	137
Granite.....	117	Lakeview.....	143

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. B. F. JENNESS (104), WILLMAR.

Howard	82	Cokato.....	134
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orion	138
Sharon	104	Crow River.....	192

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. A. S. CROSSFIELD (153), BROWNS VALLEY.

Swift	129	Prescott	162
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Agate.....	167
Frontier.....	152	Traverse	189
Kodahya	153		

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. C. H. ENGEL (30), ANOKA.

Monticello.....	16	Sherburne.	95
Anoka.....	30	Winslow Lewis	125
Star	62	Nelson	135
Fraternal.....	92		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. T. C. WING (23), ST. CLOUD.

North Star.....	23	Unity.....	93
Clearwater.....	28	Plumb Line.....	173
Paynesville	71	Fair Have.....	182

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. F. B. VAN HOESEN (81), ALEXANDRIA.

Star in the West.....	60	Sincerity	161
Constellation	81	Valley	174
Melrose	145	Osakis.....	180
Long Prairie.....	159		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. G. TEN BROOK (79), DULUTH.

Palestine	79	Fortitude.....	188
Dalles.....	181	Vermillion	197
Ionic	186	Euclid.....	198

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEO. H. DAVIS (100), BRAINERD.

Aurora.....	100	Anchor ...	178
Little Falls.....	140	Staples.....	U. D.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. FRANK D. BELL (169), BARNESVILLE.

Corner Stone.....	99	Pierson.....	169
Moorhead.....	126	Pelican Rapids.....	183

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN CROMB (141), CROOKSTON.

Crookston	141	Norman	154
Warren.....	150	Fosston.....	U. D.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. A. S. DIMOND (113), EXCELSIOR.

Watertown.....	50	Humboldt.....	132
Excelsior	113	Wayzata.....	U. D.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN G. HOWE (156), WADENA.

Mount Tabor.....	106	Perham	157
Verndale.....	139	Shell	184
Wadena	156		

And the said R. W. District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1892; A. L. 5892.

ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

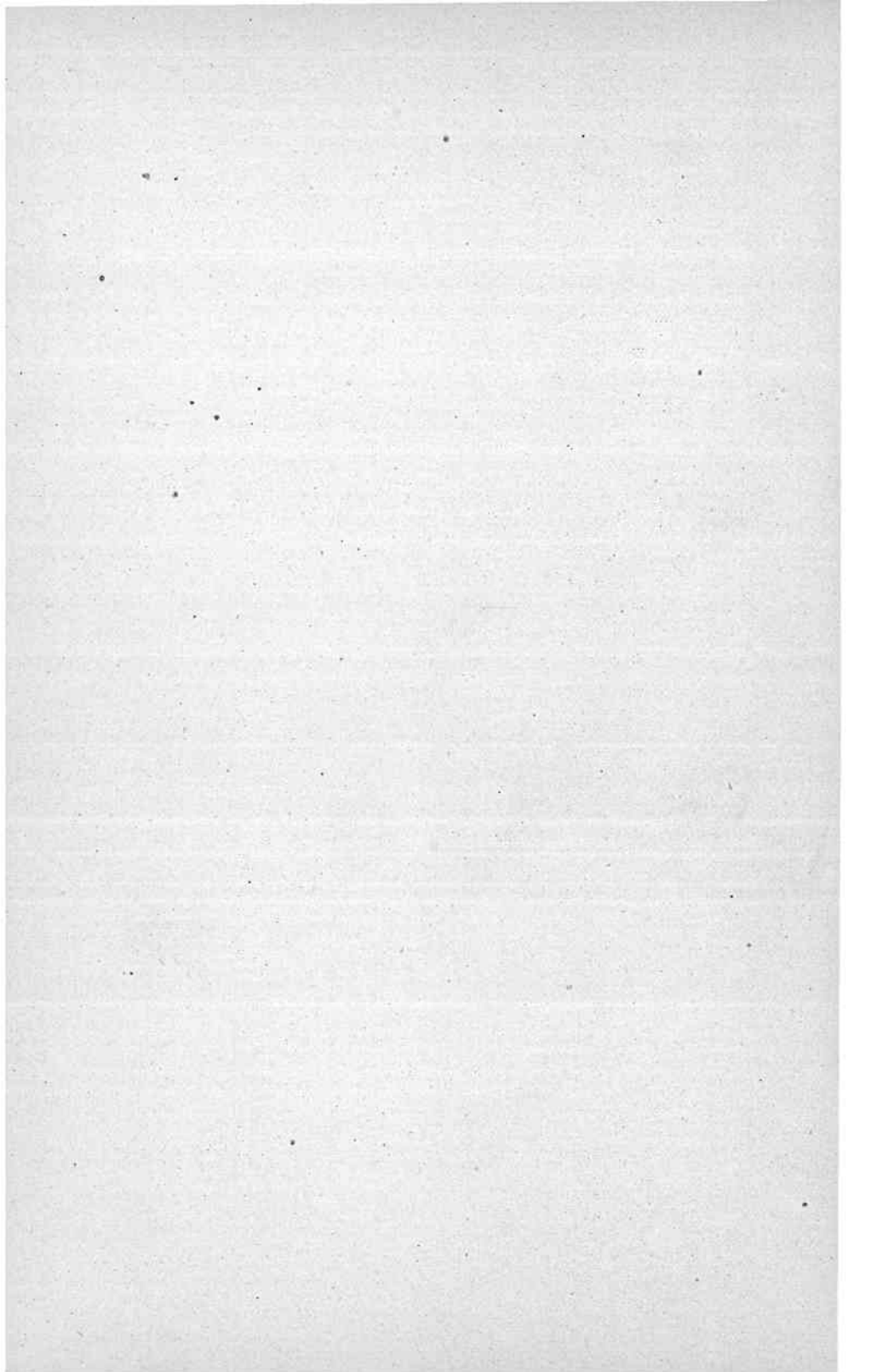
REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

TO			FROM	
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	Alabama.....	Wm. B. Patton.....	Duluth.
George L. Kimball.....	Dardanelle.....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
N. B. Uford.....	Vancouver.....	Arkansas.....	Chas D. Boyce.....	Minneapolis.
Samuel B. Hinckley...	Riverside.....	Brit. Columbia	Geo. W. Prescott...	.....
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.
Juan Miguel Ferrer...	Havana.....	Colon & Cuba..	Alphonso Barto...	Sauk Centre.
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City...	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery...	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy.....	Dunbury.....	Connecticut...	Charles Griswold..	St. Paul.
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny...	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington...	Dist. Columbia	.....	.....
.....	.....	England.....	.....	.....
Angus Patterson.....	Madison.....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
E. H. Reed.....	Waycross.....	Georgia.....	.....	.....
Fred Epstein.....	Boise City.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
Edward C. Pace.....	Ashley.....	Illinois.....	A. Y. Davidson...	Minneapolis.
William Hacker.....	Shelbyville...	Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson...	Indian Ter.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Z. C. Luse.....	Iowa City.....	Iowa.....	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
.....	.....	Ireland.....	.....	.....
John H. Spencer.....	Independence..	Kansas.....	C. L. Brown.....	Morris.
Elisha S. Fitch.....	Flemingsburg..	Kentucky.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
J. Q. A. Fellows.....	New Orleans...	Louisiana.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.
John B. Redman.....	Ellsworth.....	Maine.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.
Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Maine.....	I. B. Cummings...	Winona.
Hugh B. Jones.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	Henry L. Carver...	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Massachusetts	.....	.....
John Woodruff.....	Niles.....	Michigan.....	Alphonso Barto...	Sauk Centre.
.....	.....	Mississippi...	.....	.....
Samuel H. Saunders...	Otterville.....	Missouri.....	Henry L. Carver...	St. Paul.
N. P. Langford.....	St. Paul.....	Montana.....	Henry L. Carver...	St. Paul.
Homer J. Allen.....	Kearney.....	Nebraska.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
.....	.....	Nevada.....	.....	.....
Thomas Walker, M.D.	St. John.....	N. Brunswick..	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
A. S. Batchellor.....	Littleton.....	N. Hampshire..	William Lee.....	Hastings.
John G. Muirheid.....	Pennington...	New Jersey.....	J. H. Thompson...	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	New Mexico...	.....	.....
John S. Denton.....	Pennington...	New S. Wales...	.....	.....
.....	.....	New York.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
Eugene Grissom.....	Raleigh.....	New Zealand...	.....	.....
Wm. A. Bentley.....	Bismarck.....	N. Carolina...	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
George A. Vietz.....	Digby.....	North Dakota..	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
Ralph R. Rickley...	Columbus.....	Nova Scotia...	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
O. S. Savage.....	.....	Ohio.....	W. T. Rigby.....	Clearwater.
Richard Vaux.....	Philadelphia...	Oregon.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Pennsylvania...	.....	.....
John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.....	Pr. Edward Is.	.....	.....
John E. Goldsworthy	Central Falls...	Quebec.....	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
.....	.....	Rhode Island..	A. J. Edgerton...	Sioux Falls, S.D.
.....	.....	Scotland.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	S. Australia...	.....	.....
J. Q. A. Braden.....	Aberdeen.....	S. Carolina...	.....	.....
.....	.....	South Dakota..	Henry R. Wells...	Preston.
H. M. Aiken.....	Knoxville.....	Tasmania.....	.....	.....
Philip C. Tucker...	Galveston.....	Tennessee.....	W. F. Dickinson...	Redw'd Falls.
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City	Texas.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
Rev. E. Wheelock...	Cambridge...	Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
.....	.....	Vermont.....	Samuel E. Adams...	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Victoria.....	.....	.....
Wm. H. Pleasants...	Hollins.....	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Louis Zeigler.....	Spokane Falls.	Washington...	Henry R. Denny...	St. Paul.
William Bates, Sr...	Wheeling.....	West Virginia..	S. R. Merrill.....	Lake City.
Henry L. Palmer.....	Milwaukee...	Wisconsin.....	George A. Camp...	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

APPENDIX J.

NAMES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Geo. M. Morrow.....	Birmingham.....	Myles J. Greene.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Geo. W. Cheyney.....	Tombstone.....	Geo. J. Roskrug.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	C. A. Bridewell.....	Hope.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia.....	Marcus Wolfe.....	Nanaimo.....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Victoria.
California.....	Wm. Johnston.....	Courtland.....	George Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	J. Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Cuba.....	Antonia Govin.....	Havana.....	Joseph F. Pellon.....	Havana.
Colorado.....	John M. Maxwell.....	Leadville.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Hugh Stirling.....	Bridgeport.....	J. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	N. F. Wilds.....	Smyrna.....	Wm. S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia.....	Thos. F. Gibbs.....	Washington.....	Wm. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales.....	London.....	A. A. Pendlebury.....	London.
Florida.....	Angus Paterson.....	Madison.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	John S. Davidson.....	Augusta.....	A. M. Wollin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	John H. Myer.....	Placerville.....	Jas. H. Wickersham.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	M. C. Crawford.....	Jonesboro.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	N. R. Ruckle.....	Indianapolis.....	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territ'y.....	Leo E. Bennett.....	Muskogee.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Ralph G. Phelps.....	Atlantic.....	Theo. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.....	Dublin.....	Arch. St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	And. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City.
Kentucky.....	Jas. A. McKenzie.....	Oak Grove.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Chas. F. Buck.....	New Orleans.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Henry R. Taylor.....	Machias.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maine.....	Wm. Geo. Bell.....	Winnipeg.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shryock.....	Baltimore.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Samuel Wells.....	Boston.....	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.....	J. S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Alphonso Barto.....	St. Cloud.....	Thos. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John M. Ware.....	Starkville.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	B. H. Ingram.....	Sedalia.....	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Wm. T. Boardman.....	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	B. D. Slaughter.....	Fullerton.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Frank Bell.....	Reno.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	Thomas Walker.....	St. John.....	E. J. Wetmore.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	F. D. Woodbury.....	Concord.....	Geo. P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thos. W. Tilden.....	Jersey City.....	T. H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Chas. H. Dane.....	Deming.....	A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New So. Wales.....	Earl of Jersey.....	Sydney.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Wm. Sherer.....	Brooklyn.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	Henry Thomson.....	Wellington.....	Wm. Ronaldson.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	H. A. Gudger.....	Asheville.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	John F. Selby.....	Hillsboro.....	Thos. J. Wilder.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Chas. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.....	William Ross.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	B. Van Dusen.....	Astoria.....	S. P. Chadwick.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	J. Simpson Africa.....	Philadelphia.....	Michael Nisbit.....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edw'd I'd.....	Donald Darrach.....	Kensington.....	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	Frank Edgar.....	Montreal.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	Geo. H. Kenyon.....	Providence.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	.....	.....	David M. Lyon.....	Edinburg.
South Australia.....	Earl of Kintore.....	Adelaide.....	J. H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	Laurie T. Izlar.....	Blackville.....	Chas. Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	Geo. A. Johnston.....	Mitchell.....	Chas. T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Tasmania.....	R. D. P. Harris.....	Hobart.....	J. G. Steele.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Wm. S. Smith.....	Ebenezer.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Geo. W. Tyler.....	Belton.....	Wm. F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Wm. G. Van Horne.....	Salt Lake City.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Delos M. Bacon.....	St. Johnsbury Cent.....	Warren G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	W. J. Clarke.....	Melbourne.....	T. H. Lempriere.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	J. Howard Wayt.....	Stanton.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Thomas Amos.....	Colfax.....	Thos. M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	John M. Hamilton.....	Grantsville.....	Geo. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	N. M. Littlejohn.....	Whitewater.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Perry L. Smith.....	Rawlins.....	W. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.



APPENDIX K.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following proceedings of other grand lodges:

ALABAMA, 1890.

The seventieth annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 1st, 2d, and 3d, M. · W. · H. H. Brown, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty lodges represented; two hundred and ninety-four upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Eleven dispensations for new lodges; four reinstated, and one charter declared forfeited. Membership nine thousand, five hundred, and forty-six; gain seven hundred and fifty. Receipts \$5,653.80.

The death of Bro. G. D. Norris, past grand master, was announced.

From the annual address is taken the following paragraph, which is just as applicable to Minnesota as to any other jurisdiction:

I would call particular attention to the need of more correct and efficient work by many of our lodges in conferring the degrees. When a man lays the corner stone of his future masonic edifice it is all important that the material used should be tried and true, and that the work should be well done. As in other things the first impressions made upon a candidate for the mysteries of masonry are lasting and hard to overcome, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that,

in conferring the degrees, the work should be done correctly and in the most solemn and impressive manner, so that when a man shall have been raised to the sublime degree of master mason he will be solemnly and lastingly impressed with the teachings of the ceremonies through which he has passed, and of the symbols which have been called to his attention. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of conferring the degrees in a proper manner. In my experience and observations for two years as grand master, and I might say during all of my masonic life, I have found that, as a rule, the lodges which do the work of conferring the degrees best are the lodges that flourish most and have the best membership.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

1. A profane has the right to join the lodge of his choice, though residing in the jurisdiction of another. A lodge in whose jurisdiction a petitioner for initiation in another lodge resides, when asked the questions in such cases required by the constitution of the grand lodge, should answer them, and, if the lodge in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides knows of no "just and sufficient reason why he ought not to be made a mason," it has no right to object to the reception of the candidate by the other lodge, nor is it entitled to the fees in such cases unless the lodge petitioned acts upon the application and confers the degrees without asking the questions as required by the constitution.

5. When a lodge has received the petition of a profane residing within the jurisdiction of another lodge, and propounds the questions required in such cases by the constitution, it is the duty of the latter named lodge to promptly give the desired information, and a failure on the part of such lodge to respond to such inquiries within a reasonable time would be a breach of duty and subject the lodge to discipline by the grand lodge or by the grand master.

In our opinion the subordinate lodge is as supreme in its own territorial jurisdiction as the grand lodge is conceded to be in its own territorial jurisdiction, and alone has the right to determine who shall and who shall not become masons of the profane residing therein. Any deviation from this principle must needs be mischievous and demoralizing in its tendencies.

The new Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized and an exchange of representatives ordered.

A committee was appointed to collect and codify all the laws and edicts of the grand lodge, and report the same at the next communication.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the badge of mourning in this jurisdiction be a blue ribbon, partly covered by a narrower black ribbon, worn on the left lapel of the coat or vest.

The report of the committee on correspondence was presented by Bro. P. J. Pillans. Minnesota is noticed at great length, the grand master's review of Cerneauism being quoted entire, and also the report of the special committee. Of the first named document he says:

The description of the origin and growth of Cerneauism, as given by him, appears to me to be the best and most concise that we have met with, and for this reason we give it to you, that you having knowledge may have nothing to do with the unclean thing.

He thus feelingly speaks of our deceased brother:

Farewell, Bro. Pierson, nor do we mourn as one not to be comforted, for our years admonish us that ere long we shall greet you on the other shore.

Under the head of Kentucky he truthfully concludes:

Indeed, how difficult it is for those denying any inherent powers to perform the duties of grand master conscientiously.

M. . W. . G. M. Morrow, Birmingham, Grand Master; R. . W. . M. J. Greene, Montgomery, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1890.

The ninth annual communication was held at Phoenix, Nov. 11th, 12th, and 13th, M. . W. . G. J. Roskruege, Grand Master. Six lodges represented; eight upon the roll. Three past grand masters present.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge. Membership four hundred and twenty-nine, a gain of five. Receipts \$834.

The annual address is a brief business paper of less than four pages, in marked contrast with the flowery effusions often emanating from the grand east.

The following new legislation was enacted:

And no lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees of masonry, or any of them, whose residence is nearer, in a geographical line, to some other lodge of this jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without the unanimous consent of such nearest lodge.

Provided that past masters of other jurisdictions who shall affiliate with a lodge in this jurisdiction shall be carried on the roll of past masters, but shall not be entitled to vote in this grand lodge, as provided in section twenty.

That hereafter no master shall be installed until he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the grand lecturer or a past master of this jurisdiction, showing his ability to confer the degrees of masonry in accordance with our ritual.

Anderson's Masonic Manual of California was recommended to the use of officers of subordinate lodges for reference.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : G. W. Cheyney, Tombstone, Grand Master; R. : W. : G. J. Roskrige, Tucson, Grand Secretary; Bro. Morris Goldwater, Prescott, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1890.

The fifty-first annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 18th and 19th, M. : W. : J. W. Sorrels, Grand Master. Three hundred and fifty-eight lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-seven upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Eleven dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership twelve thousand, six hundred, and fifty-four; gain three hundred and thirty-one. Receipts \$9,188.

The death of Bro. G. H. Meade, grand treasurer, was announced.

The grand secretary reports the issuance and distribution of the digest provided for at the last session. It is very sensibly printed in a separate volume, and the compilation is a highly creditable one.

The president of St. John's Temple reported that the contract had been let, and the building was expected to be completed in time for the next annual communication.

A well written oration was delivered by Bro. C. C. Hamby, grand orator, and printed in the body of the proceedings.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : W. K. Ramsey, Camden, Grand Master; R. : W. : Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reelected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1891.

Special communications were held at Vancouver, July 24th, 1890, and April 30th, 1891, for the laying of corner stones.

The twentieth annual communication was held at Kamloops, June 18th and 19th, M. : W. : Angus McKeown, Grand Master. The ten lodges all represented. One past grand master present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership seven hundred and twenty-six, a gain of forty-eight. Receipts \$1,353.

The death of Bro. Henry Brown, grand secretary and past grand master, was announced, and \$200 appropriated towards a memorial stone.

Among the dispensations granted were two to wear regalia in public at a ball.

Dual membership not being recognized in this jurisdiction the charter for a lodge under dispensation was withheld until the term of the master elect as junior warden in his former lodge had expired.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Tasmania were recognized.

An elegant banquet was tendered the grand lodge on the evening of the first day, by the local brethren.

On the evening of the second day an interesting discourse was delivered by Bro. A. W. Sillitoe, past grand chaplain, which is given as an appendix.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, Grand Master; V. : W. : W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, Grand Secretary; Bro. A. R. Milne, Victoria, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1890.

The forty-first annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 14th to 17th, M. : W. : M. M. Estee, Grand Master. Two hundred and six lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-five upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent from illness, the first time in thirty-five years. A committee of the former was appointed to convey to him the sympathy and regard of the grand lodge.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership fifteen thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-one; gain four hundred and twenty-four. Receipts \$25,488.55.

The death of Bro. C. M. Radcliff, past grand master, was announced.

The annual address was a model of conciseness; able, dignified, and eminently practical. What a relief to the reviewer it is to occasionally meet with such an oasis amid a weary desert of words.

Another model paper was the annual report of Bro. J. W. Anderson, grand lecturer. He evidently found \$500 rather small compensation for the time and expense required, as he was not reappointed.

The boards of relief presented praiseworthy exhibits of their charitable work during the year. But two cases are reported from Minnesota, expenditure \$22.30.

A handsome gold watch and chain was presented to Bro. W. J. Tinnin, past grand master.

A somewhat lengthy but interesting oration was delivered by Bro. Jacob Voorsanger, grand orator pro tem

The report of the committee on widows' and orphans' home was considered and rejected, and the matter referred to a new committee. The secretaries of subordinate lodges were requested to report the probable number that would be sent from their jurisdiction to such an institution, that the grand lodge might have some data for future action.

An appropriation of \$1,200 was made to Bro. J. D. Stevenson, their first grand master, to be paid in monthly install-

ments. Although ninety years of age, the venerable brother was in attendance at this session.

A past grand master's jewel was voted to each retiring grand master, at a cost not to exceed \$200 each.

The constitutional amendment reducing the per capita tax to seventy-five cents having been adopted, a corresponding reduction was also made in salaries and other expenses. California, however, still maintains its position at the head in point of liberality.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. W. A. Robertson, a very creditable first effort. Minnesota fraternally noticed, from which we quote:

Bro. Pierson was, perhaps, the brightest masonic light west of the Mississippi, and certainly one of the most widely known. Chairman of the committee on correspondence for almost a generation, his writings were familiar to the fraternity throughout every grand jurisdiction on the globe.

Bro. Todd, as a writer on correspondence, justifies all that the grand master has said in regard to its importance. Nearly sixty grand lodge proceedings are fairly, impartially, and ably reviewed. In most that he says we are agreed; not, however, in the matter of life membership, which he regards as an evil. A few other points we would briefly refer to, but our limit is reached and we must say adieu.

M. : W. : A. R. Conklin, Independence, Grand Master; R. : W. : A. G. Abell, San Francisco, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. M. Ellis, San Francisco, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

A subsequent circular announces the death of R. : W. : A. G. Abell, Grand Secretary, Dec. 28th, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. No more fitting tribute could be paid him than that contained in the address, from which we copy:

I cannot find words strong enough to express my sense of obligation to him or to bear to him, in his confinement at home, the extent of the gratitude of the brethren within this jurisdiction for the eminent services which he has rendered in the great office he has held for over a third of a century. Even now, in his infirmities, he fills the first place among the leading masons of our country. He has done more to

build up masonry on the Pacific slope than any other man. He was here in the infancy of this grand body, and for thirty-five years he has stood at the helm of the masonic ship and guided its course. One by one his early and old time masonic associates have crossed to the other shore, until he and Past Grand Master Stevenson are left almost alone among the founders of masonry in California. In masonry the good that men do lives after them, so our illustrious brother has not lived in vain. May his days be lengthened, and may he continue to receive the merited reward due the good and faithful servants in the order.

Bro. George Johnson, his efficient assistant, was appointed successor, an assurance that the affairs of that important office will continue to be conducted with that scrupulous fidelity for which it has long been noted.

CANADA, 1891.

Four special communications were held for the laying of corner stones.

The thirty-sixth annual communication was held at Toronto, July 15th, and called off to July 22d and 23d, by reason of the meeting of the national teachers' association on the former date. M. W. J. R. Robertson, Grand Master. Three hundred and two lodges represented; three hundred and forty-eight on the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge; two charters suspended. Membership twenty thousand, eight hundred, and ninety-two; increase four hundred and eighty-eight. Receipts \$19,477.45.

The grand master reports a busy year; one hundred and thirty lodges visited, fifteen hundred letters received and answered, ten thousand miles traveled, sixty-six decisions rendered, ninety miscellaneous dispensations granted, thirty-eight lodge by-laws approved, in addition to the usual minor details appertaining to the office.

The death of Bro. J. A. Henderson, past grand master, was announced.

The annual address is one of the soundest documents of the year, alike creditable to the eminent craftsman by whom it was penned and the jurisdiction to which it was addressed. Very many of the suggestions might be profitably heeded elsewhere.

We quote the following from the approved decisions:

1. It is irregular and unmasonic for any lodge to issue a letter of recommendation to be used by a brother for the purpose of influencing a business transaction.

6. No lodge can make a physician an officer of the lodge, but may pass a by-law appointing a physician, but he cannot hold rank as an officer of the lodge.

21. A brother, who is liable to criminal arrest in this jurisdiction and is a fugitive from justice in a foreign jurisdiction, must, on application, receive his certificate of standing, but a statement of his position may be endorsed thereon.

57. A brother who is a member of two or more lodges and is suspended for any cause in one of these lodges, even if in good standing in the others, is under suspension in all and cannot visit any lodge in the jurisdiction.

58. A brother who makes application either personally or by letter for a certificate of withdrawal must be granted same if no charges are against him. This does not apply to arrears of dues. The certificate must be granted, and, if necessary, the amount of arrears may be stated thereon.

The reports of the seventeen district deputy grand masters occupy over one hundred pages in the proceedings, interesting reading of a purely local character. But one lodge seems to have been unvisited during the year.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

A suitable testimonial was presented to Bro. R. T. Walkem, past grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. Henry Robertson; Minnesota fraternally noticed.

We quote as follows:

Bro. Todd reports on correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives a good notice, but Bro. Todd is in error in stating that the third degree amendment was carried. It did not receive the two-thirds majority necessary to change the constitution, and therefore was not adopted.

M. W. J. R. Robertson, Toronto, Grand Master, and R. W. J. J. Maçon, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, both reëlected. Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1891.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 15th and 16th, M. W. E. L. Foster, Grand Master, who opened the grand lodge in person; the Maryland plan seemingly has been abandoned, perhaps owing to adverse criticism. Sixty-eight lodges represented; seventy-five upon the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present, our representative being the senior.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, seven hundred, and nineteen; gain four hundred and seventy. Receipts \$5,858.60.

The following are among the approved decisions:

3. A brother cannot completely sever his connection with the fraternity; there is no way by which he can be relieved of his obligations.

7. A lodge is not legally compelled to pay the funeral expenses of a brother, even though one of its own members, but can dispense its charity in the way it deems best.

12. As no colored lodges have been recognized in this jurisdiction, it is improper to permit the use of our lodge rooms to install the officers of so-called colored lodges.

14. The absence of the letter of dispensation of a lodge renders the meeting irregular and any work done illegal.

The following was disapproved by the committee on jurisprudence:

9. The worshipful master of a lodge has no authority to refuse to admit a member in good standing to his own lodge.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, fixing the salary of the grand secretary at \$1,200 per annum. An office has been suitably fitted up in the temple at Denver, Bro. Parmalee has removed to that city, and will hereafter devote his entire time to the three grand bodies.

Bro. W. L. Bush, grand orator, delivered an interesting address, brief and sensible.

The grand lodges of Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania were formally recognized, and intercourse prohibited with the spurious organization in Ohio.

A banquet was tendered by the youngest chartered lodge in the jurisdiction, a highly enjoyable affair.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, Minnesota receiving due consideration.

Of our contemplated ritual of the past master's degree he says:

Though this degree has been thrown out bodily, as it were, in this jurisdiction, still there are some good reasons for its retention. It is certain that it was always an accompaniment or prerequisite to the ceremony of installation, and it is possible the grand lodge at some future time may reconsider its former action.

Of our own work he remarks:

Bro. Irving Todd's valuable report on correspondence covers one hundred and thirty-four pages, and is an able commentary upon the proceedings of fifty-four grand lodges, Colorado for 1890 receiving fraternal consideration.

Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, is thus answered:

He seems to ignore the fact that the purpose of a masonic union, like any other, is to unite, otherwise it is a mere rope of sand. When the contending branches of the Scottish Rite settled their differences in 1867 and united under the name of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, it was believed to be a permanent and indissoluble union; as much so as that of the Ancients and Moderns in England or that effected by the rival grand lodges in New York state a few years since. To ignore such a union and admit that it is within the power of malcontents and schemers to tear asunder the bond of peace and open afresh controversies and dissensions long since healed, is to strike at the very root of the stability of all masonic bodies. The integrity of Craft, Capitular, Cryptic, Templar, and Scottish Rite organizations are alike involved. There may be wonderful creatures in nature whose dissevered parts are capable of reproducing new organisms, but masonry, though it has enrolled arithmetic as one of the seven liberal arts and sciences, can point to no such multipliers. The expelled or cut-off mason is powerless to form a new lodge. The inspector general similarly situated cannot evolve a new supreme council. The abortive attempt to do so has resulted in the excrescence, Cerneauism, a commingled mass of falsehood, forgery, and fraud. It is without warrant or authority, without recognition the world over, and therefore without the pale of masonry.

The able report closes with another digest of decisions compiled from proceedings, a feature of great convenience both to the reporter and the general reader.

M. W. J. M. Maxwell, Leadville, Grand Master; R. W. E. C. Parmalee reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1891.

A steel engraving of Bro. Clark Buckingham, the retiring grand master, is given as a frontispiece.

An emergent communication was held at Bethel, June 24th, to dedicate a masonic hall, at which an historical address was delivered by Bro. E. D. Smith, and an address by Bro. A. C. Hubbard, grand chaplain.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at New Haven, Jan. 21st and 22d, M. W. Clark Buckingham, Grand Master. One hundred and ten lodges represented; one hundred and eleven upon the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Number of affiliated master masons, fifteen thousand, five hundred, and five; net gain, two hundred and twelve; receipts from all sources, \$4,519.25.

The death of Bro. Nathan Dikeman, past grand sentinel and our representative, was announced.

Among the dispensations reported were half a dozen to omit stated communications, specimens of unnecessary labor.

The data in the grand secretary's report is sadly at variance with his recapitulation in the appendix. We take it that the latter is more correct, being prepared after the session.

The grand secretary announces the completion of their centennial volume, a valuable contribution to masonic literature.

The Grand Lodge of Peru was recognized, with a request for an exchange of representatives.

The following extract from the minutes is commended to the attention of the abrogationists of the past master's degree:

After the grand lodge had been called off, a communication of actual past masters was organized, with Past Grand Master J. H. Barlow as right worshipful master, when several masters, who had not been qualified, were regularly inducted into the oriental chair.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Utah, then in session.

The per capita tax for general expenses was fixed at twenty-five cents, deducting those who have been masons for thirty years, also those whose whereabouts have been unknown for the five preceding years.

The managers of the Masonic Charity Foundation reported a balance of \$10,911.33 on hand.

There was no report on masonic correspondence, owing to the illness of the chairman. In its place is given a transcript of the lodge charters, with date, location, list of charter members, signatures, original officers, etc., a record that will be appreciated in years to come.

A steel engraving of Bro. E. B. Rowe, past grand master, is also given at the end of the proceedings.

M. · W. · Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, Grand Master; R. · W. · J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1891.

A special communication was held at Newark, Dec. 19th, for the purpose of dedicating a lodge room.

The eighty-fifth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 7th and 8th, M. · W. · J. S. Dobb, Grand Master. The twenty-one lodges apparently all represented, together with some fifty permanent members, including our representative.

Membership seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; net gain, eighty-two. Receipts \$1,061.50.

The only decision reported was in a very peculiar case, where a committee upon the petition of a candidate had held the same six months, had been granted further time at several regular communications, and when finally summoned by the lodge to appear and make a final report presented a communication in writing to the effect that the petition had been lost, and they were accordingly unable to say whether or not it was in proper form. The grand master held that the petition was regularly before the

lodge and could not be withdrawn, therefore a new committee must be appointed, and upon the receipt of their report a ballot should be ordered. No action seems to have been taken except that of approval, but it occurs to us that leather medals might properly have been voted to the members of the original committee.

The grand master stated that he had written to the grand master of Pennsylvania to ascertain why one of their past masters had been denied admission to a lodge in the latter jurisdiction, the answer being that he was a Cerneau mason, and therefore clandestine. He recommended that the matter be referred to a special committee, which appears not to have been done.

The officers of a subordinate lodge had been summoned to appear and show cause why their charter should not be arrested for joint occupancy of hall, but after stating the case were given another year in which to make different arrangements.

The grand secretary was instructed to secure the names of past masters of lodges in that jurisdiction, and omit all others from the roll of permanent membership. Honors don't count in Delaware unless of home manufacture.

The committee on grand lodge library reported that they had contracted with Bro. J. W. Staton to print their proceedings from 1806 to 1850 inclusive, very gratifying intelligence to those of us who are endeavoring to complete files of the various jurisdictions.

A resolution affirming that the grand lodge had no cognizance or control of the order of Eastern Star was indefinitely postponed.

A jewel was presented the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. L. H. Jackson, a brief but comprehensive document. Minnesota fraternally noticed.

Under the heading of Florida, he observes:

If there is any masonry in the orders of knighthood we have failed to discover it; and, further, we do not believe the degrees of the chapter or council are legitimate masonic degrees. We regard them all as side degrees, and nothing more. They were all at one time or other conferred as such, and such they must ever remain, if the proposition be true.

W. : M. : N. F. Wilds, Smyrna, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. S. Hayes, Wilmington, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, Wilmington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1890.

In addition to the semi-annual communication, at which a new lodge was chartered and constituted and the degrees exemplified, special communications were held to attend the funeral of Bro. James Lawrenson, past grand secretary, to lay the corner stone of a new masonic hall, and to dedicate the same.

The eightieth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 12th, M. : W. : J. A. Sample, Grand Master. The twenty-two lodges all represented. Seven past grand masters present and our representative.

Membership three thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-two; gain four hundred and ninety-six. Receipts \$5,127.75.

The grand master announced that he had revoked the edict of his predecessor prohibiting visitation by members of the Gorgas-Cerneau rite, having been furnished documentary evidence that their supreme council had dissolved fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France.

Among the dispensations granted was one to a lodge to hold a meeting and afterwards attend divine service on Sunday. The grand master thus explains:

I did this, not because I thought my prerogative warranted it, but for the reason that my predecessors have granted the request for some years past. It is a direct violation of section two, article twenty, of the constitution, but believing that lodge meetings and quiet processions for such praiseworthy purposes should rather be encouraged than forbidden, I would suggest that the above named section be amended as follows: insert after the word whatsoever the words "without a dispensation from the most worshipful grand master as provided in section twenty-five of this article." This change will enable the grand master to act hereafter without violation of law.

The committee on jurisprudence, in marked contrast with its action of the previous year, expressed no opinion upon this usurped "power to suspend a section of the grand lodge con-

stitution," but subsequently offered an amendment to cover like cases, and without comment.

But two requests for decisions were received, the second being that of a brother who had been dropped from the rolls some years ago for non-payment of dues. He afterwards remitted the amount due and asked reinstatement; the lodge accepted the money, but rejected the application. It was decided that he was entitled to a certificate as being an unaffiliated mason in good standing. In Minnesota such a document is equivalent to a dimit.

A pleasing episode is reported in the address, being the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of Bro. W. R. Singleton, grand secretary, into the order. After supper there were appropriate addresses and a poem, the distinguished guest receiving a past master's jewel suitably engraved.

The local board of masonic relief reported that out of thirty applications twelve were rejected as unworthy, a weeding out process which speaks for itself. An employment bureau in connection therewith was urgently recommended. None of the cases were from Minnesota.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

The installation communication was held Dec. 27th.

A handsome jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. R. Singleton submitted the report on foreign correspondence, the review of Minnesota being confined to the Cerneau legislation.

Under the head of Iowa he observes:

In regard to our own opinion as to the *Cerneau* question not having been expressed, it was of but little consequence abroad, and *all* of our own people here know very well what that opinion was, is, and ever will be; that it is the greatest fraud and worst evil ever brought upon blue masonry, and the end is not yet. It will no doubt cause a terrific split in some of our grand lodges.

M. : W. : T. F. Gibbs, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. R. Singleton reelected Grand Secretary and is chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1891.

A special communication was held at Jacksonville, Aug. 27th, to lay the corner stone of a church.

The sixty-second annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 20th to 22d, M. : W. : H. W. Long, Grand Master. One hundred and four lodges represented; one hundred and fifteen upon the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Ten dispensations issued for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Receipts \$4,232; other statistics not comeatable.

The prerogative still seems to be in easy working order, judging from the number of special dispensations reported, but the assumed right to remove masters from office for absence from the jurisdiction and to order elections for the succession was vetoed by the committee on masonic jurisprudence.

The Cerneaus seem to have gained their second wind. As soon as the annual address was read and referred a motion was made to reconsider the action of last year, which motion was referred to a special committee of five. This committee recommended that the grand lodge do not reconsider, but its report was not concurred in. Subsequently the action adopting the minority report of the committee on masonic jurisprudence was rescinded and the majority report of said committee adopted, as given in our report for 1891, page nineteen. Now that the bars are down again further trouble may be apprehended.

The committee on dispensations and by-laws recommended that charters be granted to nine of the lodges under dispensation, and that the other two be continued another year. One of the former was given the number of a defunct lodge (17), thus outranking a hundred of the old established lodges, which is not right.

The following amendment to the constitution (in *italics*) was adopted:

The members of the grand lodge, by inherent right, are the masters and wardens of all the particular lodges, and *U. D. lodges who have paid for their charters, and have been working more than one year*

in this jurisdiction, or their regularly appointed proxies, and who, with the elected officers of the grand lodge of the time being only, have the right to vote for grand officers.

It strikes us that a lodge which has paid for its charter, has been working more than one year, and is entitled to representation in the grand lodge hardly falls within the accepted definition of a lodge under dispensation. Then why not issue the warrant without further probation?

A resolution was adopted making it the duty of a district deputy grand master, when unable or unwilling to attend to the prescribed duties, to resign his office, and empowering the grand master to fill such vacancy.

A brief oration was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator; he ought to be chairman of the building committee.

The Cerneauites rubbed it into Bro. Dawkins as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on foreign correspondence be received and incorporated with the proceedings of this grand lodge, but that we disclaim any indorsement of the matter contained in it referring to Cernaism or the A. and A. Rite.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

The grand master was authorized to have a digest of their laws prepared.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence decided that a district deputy grand master has not the right to open or preside over a lodge in the absence of the master and both the wardens.

The building committee reported \$5,095.92 cash on hand, and the purchase of a lot for \$4,500 with an option upon another adjoining at the same price.

The special committee on installation and past master's degree reported that they had conferred the latter upon twenty-one and installed the officers of two lodges.

Bro. D. C. Dawkins submitted the report on foreign correspondence, seven pages of which is devoted to Minnesota and the action of our grand lodge upon Cerneauism. The following personals are noted:

The familiar face of M. W. H. R. Denny, past grand master, graces the first opening fold of this beautiful book.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on foreign correspondence, and it is a very pleasant and able review, Florida for 1889 having a fair share. * * * We highly appreciate Bro. Todd's notice of our work, and would travel further with him but for space already allotted and the necessity to very soon close up this report.

Under the head of Mississippi he comments upon masonic homes as follows:

We are always delighted at every observable movement looking to the accomplishment of the charitable purposes and motives which furnish the foundation of such enterprises, but we have recently been impressed to question the advisability of such a plan for the accomplishment of the greater good in that direction, based upon any given amount of investment. For instance, let us assume that the home will cost \$200,000 complete, paid for, and good title, and that in addition to a self-producing income an annual tax upon the fraternity of the state of \$2,000 will pay the annual expenses of the institution, these annual contributions to be perpetual, or so long as the home stands and prospers. When the needy beneficiaries are necessarily congregated or grouped, many of them far away from the soothing influences and happiness of family and friendly affection, association, and care, and hence the question arises whether or not an investment of the first cost, \$200,000, in safe six per cent stocks, thus producing the annual revenue of \$12,000 to be expended in charity, requiring no annual tax upon the craft, will do more good in the direction intended, and with less expense than the home plan. Our meditations are the result of our observations of the history of other similar homes, all constantly demanding much attention, and as constantly soliciting material aid, and is not the quiet sinking fund plan more in harmony with the idea of "that charity which is not puffed up," etc.? We have before us the examples of others, and we are apt to have the experience of Mississippi after a while.

The laying of a corner stone in Nevada is criticised as follows:

The record states that the grand lodge was opened, etc., but does not show whether or not any lodges were represented. We are under the impression that a grand lodge cannot be lawfully opened unless three lodges be duly represented, and if there be less on such an occasion the local lodge should be opened, and the ceremonies may be performed as though the grand lodge was doing it. Let this subject go the rounds.

With us the grand master lays the corner stone, either personally or by proxy, and not the grand lodge. The latter is opened informally under his prerogative, and pro tempore ap-

pointments are made to complete the list of grand lodge officers. It is therefore immaterial whether any number of lodges be present in their capacity as such. The transaction is reported in the annual address as a portion of the masonic business of the year.

The interesting report concludes with a review of Cerneauism from the early records.

M. . W. . Angus Paterson, Madison, (our representative) Grand Master; R. . W. . D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GEORGIA, 1890.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 28th, 29th, and 30th, M. . W. . J. S. Davidson, Grand Master. Two hundred and ninety-two lodges represented; three hundred and five upon the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Twenty-four dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirteen thousand, four hundred, and fifty, a net gain of one thousand and two. Receipts \$16,091.21.

The deaths of Bro. David Mayer, past senior grand warden, and Bro. Samuel Lawrence, past grand master, were reported.

The following legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That although it is not held obligatory in visiting a lodge for the visiting brother to demand the production of the charter of the lodge visited, yet it is his right and should be exercised at his discretion.

From the report of the finance committee is taken the following paragraph:

And, now, what shall we say for our most worthy grand master, laboring month after month during the year for the good of the craft, watching so closely the interests of this grand lodge? The grand lodge is threatened with a suit at law. He promptly becomes its legal defender, without compensation or reward. Is the rate of interest paid by this grand lodge reduced, first from eight per cent to seven per cent, and then from seven per cent to six per cent, and once again from six per cent to four per cent? These are the facts in our case

to-day, and they have been brought about by the grand master, who has twice or more said to the holders of our bonds, "Hold them at reduced rates of interest, or *I* will carry them at the reduced rate." Surely, with such a grand master, and with such subordinate lodges as constituents, is it a matter of *much* surprise that the standard of this grand lodge is high, and that every department of the grand lodge is so prosperous?

Twelve emergent sessions were held during the year for various masonic purposes.

The report on foreign correspondence is another trio by Bros. B. H. Bigham, W. E. Mumford, and W. S. Ramsay; Minnesota falling to the share of the second. We quote as follows:

Grand Master J. A. Kiester delivered a splendid address, from which I shall make liberal extracts. * * * * He pays to the memory of the deceased grand secretary a glowing tribute. He was one of the most noted and worthy members of the masonic craft on the American continent. The death of such a man and mason, as viewed from a human standpoint, is a public calamity.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota seems to be greatly exercised on this subject as well as many of the other grand jurisdictions. Grand Master Kiester presents the ablest and most exhaustive paper on the subject that we have seen. He gives the history of the whole matter in an elaborate manner, and I am constrained to give this history, as he furnishes it, as a matter of information to the craft generally, of a subject that is claiming wide attention from the craft throughout America. I extract simply that part of this very excellent address which gives a history of Cerneau masonry.

Further on in the proceedings the grand lodge takes the proper steps against the evil of Cerneauism. In this it but follows the action of many other masonic grand lodges of the United States. There is a disposition to throttle this disturber of masonic unity and peace wherever it shows its hydra head, and also to take time by the forelock and prepare for its coming.

The death of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, chairman committee on foreign correspondence, and whose facile pen always furnished the able report in the volume of proceedings of the Minnesota Grand Lodge, accounts for the absence of this report in the proceedings of 1890.

The undersigned was of the impression that he was rattling around in Bro. Pierson's old shoes, although our esteemed Georgia frater does not seem to be aware of it.

M. . W. . J. S. Davidson, Augusta, Grand Master, and R. . W. . A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary, both reëlected; committee on foreign correspondence continued.

IDAHO, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at Boise City, Sept. 4th, to attend the funeral of Bro. Lafayette Cartee, past grand master.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Boise City, Sept. 8th, 9th, and 10th, M. . W. . George Ainslie, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; nineteen upon the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge. Membership eight hundred and twenty-five; increase ninety-four. Receipts \$2,605.25.

The committee on jurisprudence reported that they deemed the Cerneau rite clandestine and productive of evil in all its tendencies, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this grand lodge deeply deplore the discord and schism caused by this clandestine body in other jurisdictions, and earnestly recommend that the craft in Idaho have nothing whatever to do with this rite, and that we protect ourselves from the evils thereof by simply letting it alone.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, that of Victoria postponed until the next annual communication, and that of New South Wales refused. This action taken as a whole is rather peculiar.

The constituent lodges were instructed to procure registers and also photographs of their members for framing.

A grand lecturer and six district lecturers were provided for, and \$350 appropriated for their expenses. After the coming year no master can be installed unless he produces a certificate of proficiency.

The past, present, and future elective grand officers were required to file brief autobiographies with the grand secretary for preservation in the archives.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. C. C. Stevenson, who devotes a page to Minnesota. We quote:

We find that R. W. G. H. Davis, past deputy grand master, was in attendance upon the grand lodge. Bro. Davis was ever a faithful member in Idaho.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd. The report is brief, but to the point.

Under the head of Kansas we find the following:

We have a better reason than we published for refusing recognition to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. If we could speak into your ear for a few minutes we could certainly convince you that our grand lodge acted wisely.

It's a great pity that this exclusive information is not of a nature to be passed around in print. If there is anything to it of course we all would like to know.

M. W. J. H. Myer, Placerville, Grand Master; R. W. J. H. Wickersham reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. C. C. Stevenson chairman of the committee on correspondence; both of Boise City.

ILLINOIS, 1891.

An emergent communication was held in Chicago, Nov. 6th, 1890, to lay the corner stone of their new temple, one of the most imposing in the world. A cut of the immense edifice appears as a frontispiece. We have just been reading the newspaper reports of the placing of the cope-stone a year later. Both were highly enjoyable occasions.

The fifty second annual communication was held in Chicago, Oct. 6th, 7th, and 8th, M. W. J. M. Pearson, Grand Master. Six hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; six hundred and seventy-nine on the roll. Five past grand masters present and our representative.

Fourteen dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership forty-three thousand, nine hundred, and thirty; increase fifteen hundred and forty-nine. Receipts \$34,970.11.

The grand secretary reported that for the first time all the returns were made and dues paid before the meeting of the grand lodge.

A handsome gavel of onyx and iron wood was received from Bro. C. A. Fisk, their representative near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Among the distinguished visitors was Bro. Alphonso Barto, Grand Master of Minnesota, who was received with the usual honors. In his remarks Bro. Barto stated that he was made a mason in Geneva Lodge No. 139, Illinois, almost thirty years ago.

The committee on jurisprudence decided in two cases that local lodges were not holden for unauthorized relief expenditures. This is the correct principle and the universal practice in most jurisdictions.

A valuable oration on the antiquity of masonry was delivered by Bro. G. W. Warvelle, grand orator, whom we had the pleasure of meeting in Minneapolis last summer.

It was voted to reprint the proceedings from 1840 to 1850 inclusive, which it is to be hoped will be more complete than the compilation of 1840-60. A reprint to be valuable should be a fac similie, aside from the typographical improvements of modern times.

The report on masonic correspondence was presented by Bro. Joseph Robbins, Minnesota receiving over six pages of characteristic comment. He excepts to decision two, holding that the distinction between an oath and an affirmation is purely technical. Also to the legislation vesting in the grand lodge alone the right to pass upon applications for restoration in cases of indefinite suspension and expulsion. This is simply a return to former practice. It is held by our best home authorities in masonic jurisprudence that a sentence of expulsion should not become of full force and effect until approved by the grand lodge, and therefore the action of the supreme governing body could not be set aside by any lesser authority. The decision of 1888 and subsequent resolution were obviously a mistake. As there is practically so little difference between indefinite suspension and expulsion the committee applied the same rule to both.

The following paragraphs are purely personal:

The report on correspondence is again by Bro. Irving Todd. Since we have learned that Bro. Todd has had long training in a newspaper office, we have ceased to wonder that his maiden report of last year seemed so much like the work of an old stager.

We return thanks for a copy of Bro. Todd's digest of masonic law in Minnesota, valuable to craftsmen everywhere and invaluable to every mason in that jurisdiction.

Recurring to the putative pottage referred to by Bro. Todd, we can only say that we are not a subject of the empire and hence not subject to be gazetted for the increased "rank and decoration" to which he is entitled unless imperial gratitude is a delusion and a snare.

While duly grateful to the distinguished brother for this unsolicited recommendation in our behalf, the impression is unavoidable that it would have vastly more weight with Bro. Gorman than it is likely to have with the successor of Bro. Pike.

Bro. Robbins occupies a peculiar position in this controversy, and one extremely difficult to explain. Professing to stand entirely upon neutral ground, he is to-day the ablest advocate of which the Cerneaus can boast. Claiming to be actuated by the purest and best of motives, he brands every opponent indiscriminately as a servant of the holy empire. Urging the necessity of preserving the integrity and supremacy of the grand lodge, he is doing more than any other man to perpetuate dissensions among the brethren, culminating in Ohio in a spurious grand body.

So far as this jurisdiction is concerned Cerneauism is a dead issue, and it is not proposed to waste a great deal of time or space in the post mortem. However, it may be stated as a fact that the existing legislation emanated entirely outside of the rite or any of its members. It was precipitated in a great measure by the immoderate behavior of the invaders of occupied territory themselves, and adopted solely in the interests of craft masonry. The results have been beneficial as stated, but whether a chancellor of the exchequer has handled more or less funds in consequence the writer has no knowledge.

He is not the slave of any empire, holy or unholy, and is discussing the subject entirely upon its merits.

M. W. M. C. Crawford, Jonesboro, Grand Master; R. W. L. L. Munn, Freeport, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1891.

The seventieth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 26th and 27th, M. W. J. J. Todd, Grand Master. Four hundred and sixty lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-nine on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present.

A touching letter was read from Bro. William Hacker, past grand master and our representative, stating that from bodily infirmities he was unable to meet with them for the first time in forty-six years past, to which an appropriate response was forwarded.

Four dispensations were issued for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership twenty-four thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-six, an increase of eight hundred and eighty-six. Receipts \$19,483.04.

A handsome portrait of the retiring grand master appears as a frontispiece, with an undecipherable signature, proving conclusively that he does not belong to our branch of the family.

The address is chiefly devoted to matters of local interest. From it we extract the following:

The ancient landmarks must stand as a safeguard against innovation. The prerogatives of the grand master must be upheld to preserve the rights—and dignity, if you please—of his honorable station. But the laws, rules, and regulations of the grand lodge must not be set aside to suit the convenience of any person or of any lodge. Let it be understood in all our lodges that the grand master must obey as well as enforce the laws, not break them.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, and that of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand withheld for the present.

The committee on jurisprudence sustained the grand master in his opinion that a Kentucky lodge had no valid claim against one of their lodges for expenses incurred in the burial of a

deceased brother unless distinctly authorized by the latter, which does not so appear. This accords with the practice in most jurisdictions, our own included.

The grand secretary was instructed to purchase a United States flag and display it from the top of the temple.

A rare masonic jewel was presented by the widow of the original owner and ordered placed in the archives.

Bro. William Commons submitted the report on correspondence. Minnesota is fairly noticed, although his copy of our proceedings seems to have been inexcusably mutilated in binding. He certainly should have written for another.

In speaking of one of Bro. Kiester's rulings he says:

We have often observed that the masons who are forward to display the emblems of the craft are generally of a class the labeling of whom is necessary, otherwise they would not be known as masons.

M. W. N. R. Ruckle, Grand Master; R. W. W. H. Smythe reelected Grand Secretary; both of Indianapolis. Bro. T. B. Long, Terre Haute, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

Since the above was written we are officially advised of the death of Bro. William Hacker, which occurred July 28th, at the age of eighty-one years. He was made a mason in 1832, was past grand master and past grand secretary, also our representative from 1862. A constant attendant upon all the grand bodies, he had received the highest honors in each of them, and his place is one which will never be filled. The writer is particularly indebted to him for many and repeated favors. His valuable library has been placed in the Scottish Rite Temple at Indianapolis, and remains as a lasting monument to his memory.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at Eufaula, Mar. 22d, to attend the funeral of Bro. G. W. Stidham, their first grand treasurer.

The seventeenth annual communication was held at Oklahoma City, Aug. 18th and 19th, M. W. L. E. Bennett, Grand Master. Thirty-three lodges represented; thirty-eight on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Ten dispensations were issued for new lodges. Membership fifteen hundred and seventy; increase one hundred and five. Receipts \$1,910.25.

The pamphlet has a good likeness of the energetic grand master facing the title page, a surprise from the grand secretary.

The following tribute to the craft is taken from the annual address:

Among the duties which fell to my lot as an agent of the federal government was that of removing from the Indian country many persons who had unlawfully entered therein. A portion of this work was in the immediate neighborhood of some of our lodges, and you can well understand my gratification at finding that not one of our brethren came within the exercise of this duty, but that all, without exception, were found to be law abiding. Our masonic teachings have thus not fallen in barren places, but the fruit thereof is shown by this compliance with the laws of the country.

After a week's experience with the Arkansas work Bro. Bennett evidently coincides with our comments of last year. He says:

In this connection I wish to say that the Webb-Preston hobby I inconsiderately introduced to you last session, and which we rode for the occasion, is in my judgment much of a myth. I have sought for it in several places during the past year, but each time I had it located, as I thought, it failed to materialize. There may have been a pure Webb-Preston work many years ago, but I cannot believe that there is now. Modifications and changes are constantly being made so that those jurisdictions claiming to have pure Webb-Preston ritualistic exercises have drifted far from the original, or from each other.

The grand secretary reported as having procured four past grand master's jewels at a cost of \$50 each, which were duly presented. Also that a fifth brother had donated the value of his jewel to their orphan's home, having already been decorated by his local lodge.

Bro. R. W. Hill, grand orator, delivered an eulogy on Bro. Albert Pike.

The secretaries of subordinate lodges were instructed to forward the names of all non-affiliated masons in their jurisdictions to the grand secretary.

A resident of the territory who had obtained the degrees while upon a recent visit in Scotland was declared clandestine and a protest filed against the invasion, to which according to precedent the Grand Lodge of Scotland will manifest the most supreme indifference. They know nothing over there of our American idea of jurisdiction and care less. The chief sufferer is the poor fellow who has parted with his money for a little questionable notoriety.

The grand representative of Ohio, to whom was referred that portion of the address relating to the recent attempt to organize a spurious grand lodge in that state, reported a series of appropriate resolutions, which were adopted. This is putting a much abused office to some practical use, an example worthy of imitation.

A motion to allow the grand lecturer an annual salary of \$1,000 was lost, but \$145 was appropriated to take up a mortgage upon the farm of a deceased lodge secretary. Our Indian brethren seem to realize that there is something in masonry paramount even to the ritual.

An eloquent address upon the fundamental ideas of freemasonry was delivered by Bro. R. W. Hill, grand orator.

The grand master was complimented with a third term; the grand lodge not only retaining the services of an efficient officer, but saving a little in the items of pictures and jewels.

The session closed with a banquet tendered by the local brethren, which Bro. Murrow pronounces "a very enjoyable occasion."

The grand secretary presented the report on correspondence, from which we extract the following under Minnesota:

Bro. Irving Todd comes out again with a fine report. He is the right man in the right place. We like the type of this report as well as the matter and the manner. It is all clear, sharp, strong. Good, wholesome, masonic diet.

You are mistaken, Bro. Todd, we have a grand lodge register, and it is very useful. The constituent lodges have no registers, *yet*. But who would keep them correct, or, keep them at all? Don't think there are a dozen first class secretaries in the two territories. Are you one, brother?

Here is what Bro. Todd says about our labored effort to secure the Webb-Preston work. It is too rich to withhold. "Pity 'tis, 'tis true."

No, we are not a lodge secretary, but a long experience upon the committee on returns has familiarized us with the subject in all its exasperating details.

The conclusion of this admirable report is so well put that no apology is offered for reproducing it entire:

If you desire to know just how small you and your work are, just pick up one of these correspondence reports of a sister jurisdiction and see how neatly the whole of your doings, addresses, etc., which you have spread out into a book of two or three hundred pages, are boiled down into two or three pages, and *it is all or nearly all there*. You cannot see that a single very important matter has been overlooked.

The right kind of a reporter is a rare article. A reporter who makes use of his position to air his own views almost exclusively, writing great long dissertations every chance he gets on almost every subject, is untrue to his trust. The craft in his jurisdiction do not care to read his essays, but desire information on the doings of the craft in other jurisdictions. On the other hand, a man who simply gives these doings without expressing himself on questions of importance or giving comments that fix the lesson or show the fallacy or commend the example is *almost* as valueless as the former. The ideal reporter is the man who understands the wants of his own home brethren, the information they need, who can pick out from the proceedings he reviews such items as will inform, interest, and uplift his brethren, and at the same time one who has opinions of his own and is able to state them and defend them if necessary.

I have thought that some brethren prepare their reports with a view more to what others of the guild may say or think than for home use, or what will most benefit the brethren of their own jurisdiction.

On looking back upon my work I can see that I have failed to illustrate my ideal. But what is written is written, and I have worked too hard to go over the work and try to amend it.

M. . W. . L. E. Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Master, and R. . W. . J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary, both reëlected. The latter is also committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1891.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held at Cedar Rapids, June 2d, 3d, and 4th, M. : W. : J. D. Gamble, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-seven lodges represented; four hundred and forty-five on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered and one arrested. Membership twenty-two thousand, five hundred, and twenty-five; increase sixty-two. Receipts \$19,721.75.

A handsome engraving of the library building is given as a frontispiece.

The grand master decided that a member of one lodge cannot stay a petitioner to another by objection or otherwise; that a member has a right to object to the ballot being spread upon a petition for initiation; that the objection of a member to the admission of a visitor should be respected. The second was very properly overruled by the committee on jurisprudence.

A wholesome lecture to lodges that fail to protect their property by insurance was administered in the address, one that readily applies to jurisdictions other than Iowa. Doubtless in many instances the same amount of money afterwards expended in printing and mailing begging circulars would have fully defrayed the cost of the policies, to say nothing of the humiliation involved in passing the hat for such an object. It is not charity, but far from it.

A paper upon the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions was prepared by the grand secretary, Bro. C. H. Benton, of Minnesota, being among the number.

The report of the librarian is illustrated with views of both lower and upper floors and a handsome art group, while the supplementary catalogue shows a large increase of miscellaneous works and curiosities, chiefly donations. He truly remarks that his collection, like Topsy, grows itself. A very small proportion, however, appertained to masonry. The total expenditure exceeded \$2,100.

In the matter of a masonic home the grand lodge went upon the record as being of the opinion that it was not necessary at the present time, and that masonic charity can be more satisfactorily, economically, and equitably dispensed by the constituent lodges as they are now doing, an extremely sensible conclusion.

In addition to sixteen cases of expulsion reported by the committee on appeals and grievances, thirteen masons were expelled by the grand lodge for a violation of the code in belonging to the Cerneau organizations, after being found guilty by a duly appointed committee.

Among the notes in the report of the committee on chartered lodges is one referring to Bro. Z. W. Burnham, of Silver City, who attends lodge meetings regularly. He is ninety-two years of age, and has been a mason over sixty-nine years.

An attempt was made to repeal that portion of the code containing the Cerneau legislation, which elicited an able and exhaustive report from the committee on jurisprudence opposing the scheme, and was adopted by a very large vote.

Bro. John Scott, a past grand master who should have known better, attempted to be enrolled as master of a subordinate lodge without signing the required certificate that he was not a member of a Cerneau organization, and was called down both by the grand master and the jurisprudence committee. He is now fighting it out in the magazines, and Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, has a full fledged martyr on his hands. A more trivial cause could scarcely have been imagined, but it is likely to end in expulsion nevertheless as such cases usually do.

Among the new legislation was an amendment to the code providing that the reason for applying for a dimit should be stated in the document itself. It was doubtless suggested by the number (twelve hundred and thirty-eight) who had dimitted during 1890, of which there is every reason to suppose the Cerneaus and their friends constituted a large proportion.

Bro. L. D. Boynton, our grand chaplain, was doing a little missionary work, offering prayer on the third morning in the absence of the Right Reverend Brother who officiated at the opening.

Bro. Theodore Schreiner, the veteran grand tyler, received an appropriation of \$80 in gold in view of his approaching eightieth birthday.

The revoking of the charter of a subordinate lodge for unwarranted acts of the master and secretary was made permanent.

There is a fine engraving of Bro. Albert Pike accompanying the sketch of his life in the appendices.

Bro. T. S. Parvin presents the report on fraternal correspondence, a half dozen pages being devoted to Minnesota. We quote:

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, who is better known to the several jurisdictions as a collector of masonic proceedings, including masonic books. This is his second report, and he has condensed it within the limit of one hundred and thirty-four pages. It is a well executed paper, largely the work of his own brain, proving that he is a well read mason and posted in the progress of recent legislation.

The California error referred to last year is thrown upon the printer as a matter of course; it did not confuse anyone but Bro. Parvin that we are aware of. He concludes a lengthy explanation as follows:

Missouri is the mother of several grand lodges, while Minnesota stands out alone, the creator only of its own destiny.

Is this statement also a blunder of the printer? The lodges at Fargo and Bismarck, North Dakota, were originally chartered by our grand lodge, as any masonic student ought to know, and none better than our Cedar Rapids brother himself.

Exception is taken to our remark of last year that Bro. Robbins' review of Iowa was written before the appeal to the courts; from Bro. Parvin's own statement we see no reason for modifying the opinion. We certainly had our copy of his proceedings several weeks before the matter began to appear in the newspapers.

Several pages are devoted to a characteristic onslaught upon the writer for presuming to criticise the Parvin collection from a masonic standpoint, but it is not proposed to enter into an extended personal controversy with the eminent extremist upon

issues which are wholly imaginary. An experience of over thirty years has given us a fair idea of the cost of maintaining even a moderate collection of documents and pamphlets, the masonic department being of a more recent date and in a great measure resulting from an appointment upon the committee on foreign correspondence. In the way of coins, autographs, postage stamps, and other bric-a-brac we fortunately had neither the time nor means to invest very heavily and thus escaped the craze. It may be within the province of a grand lodge to undertake the care and preservation of all this valuable property, with a constantly increasing demand upon its treasury, yet the expediency is somewhat doubtful.

Bro. Parvin calls upon us to explain what is meant by masonic publications, merely for the sake of an argument. A masonic publication is usually considered as the uttering of something masonic, not necessarily a book or a pamphlet, a medal or a jewel. The field is a wide and varied one. If chapters, councils, commanderies, and consistories are not masonic bodies they are at least bodies of masons, a distinction which is properly left to the hair splitters to labor upon. Those who do not accept the American system are at perfect liberty to reject it; the effect will be inappreciable. Furthermore, if the learned brother will point out a single paragraph warranting him in classing us among the few in the latter category we will present him *our* copy of the patent medicine almanac printed in twenty-one languages, vintage of 1889.

Our pleasant meeting at the General Grand Chapter was held in Minneapolis since his proceedings were issued, consequently we trust that he has now a broader view of Minnesota masonry and Minnesota hospitality, in neither of which do we claim a second place, Iowa not excepted.

Referring to the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to form a miscellaneous library and reading room he remarks, "We turn this subject over for the present to our friend Todd, of Minnesota." Our sentiments seem to have been misunderstood by no one save Bro. Parvin. We are very much in favor of these institutions everywhere as indispensable aids to a liberal educa-

tion, but in a small town where it is not advisable to limit the privileges even nominally to the fraternity the burden of support should fall upon the general public. The experience of Utah is liable to be repeated.

The following paragraph under the same heading we can cheerfully indorse:

Our good friend and former Iowan, Bro. L. D. Boynton, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and editor of The Master Mason of Minneapolis, was present at the session, and occupied a seat in the grand east. [The record does not say so, but we venture to supply the omission by stating that he made a most excellent address, as he is very capable of doing.]

Under the head of Maryland is found the following paragraph, which we are wholly unable to account for so far as personally concerned:

We note in connection with this emergent communication, for the special benefit of Bros. Robbins and Todd, the fact that "the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland were invited and received into the grand lodge." Verily, in the name of the two distinguished brothers, what a wide departure in the usages and customs of masonry is this of which our able Bro. Shryock is guilty, in that he *invited* the grand officers of two masonic bodies into open session of the grand lodge.

Bro. Parvin properly terms it a wide departure; so is their opening ceremony, both of the same pattern. The question is not one of the admission of these brethren, who undoubtedly were individually known to be master masons, but the manner of their reception. The grand chapter or the grand commandery is not the peer of the grand lodge, neither should the latter recognize rank other than of its own creation. Of course it would not have occurred save at an emergent communication, but we don't like the innovation any more than we do the prominence given outside grades in the Iowa proceedings.

Under Michigan, referring to the grand master's views upon joint occupancy of masonic halls, he says:

We find that this feeling is growing in intensity and in extent, and we hope it will ripen into the production of fruit which will exclude all outsiders; and then, in Minnesota and Illinois, we shall expect to see the chapter and templar organizations excluded, or else there is no truth in the adage, "Consistency is a jewel."

Joint occupancy is not prohibited in this jurisdiction, but permitted in cases of emergency, upon approval of the grand master. Therefore we are unable to see the point of the reference to Minnesota. It perhaps is another blunder of the printer.

Replying to Bro. Innes, of Michigan, in his opinion that the Carneaus should be let alone by the grand lodge, he says:

Everywhere throughout the past these fellows meddled with other people's business to such an extent, in *this jurisdiction* at least, as to come to the grand lodge year after year with a slate all made up, a full set of candidates for office, distributing, even, printed tickets, and electioneering for their chosen men. They have gone further, sent their secret circulars to all the lodges, urging the members of the lodges to secure the election of their friends, to the end that they might have a large representation in the grand lodge. All this they have done in Iowa, Ohio, and elsewhere.

This is not an overdrawn picture; we have passed through a similar experience, though upon a more limited scale.

The following is taken from a review of the librarian's report in New York:

We find in his opening remarks a sentence which we quote for the exclusive benefit of Bro. Irving Todd, reporter of correspondence for Minnesota. Bro. Carter says, "Many masonic and miscellaneous books have been added to the large and growing collection, and many rare and valuable old books have been rebound." With what holy horror will Bro. Todd read this paragraph. He is an iconoclast by nature and prejudices, and if he could have his own way would burn a portion of the libraries of the grand lodges, as did the Saracens the great Egyptian library of Alexandria.

The Grand Lodge of New York has probably the most complete masonic library in the country, while its reading room and miscellaneous books are for the exclusive benefit of the fraternity, current periodical literature being a specialty. Located in a metropolitan city, it is safe to say that their temple has more daily visitors than darken Bro. Parvin's doors for months. We know from personal experience what a busy place it is and fully appreciate its utility, still the exception but proves the general rule.

We may be a destroyer of images, (Bro. Parvin says we are), but our regard for old books and old things is fully equal to his own, as may be learned from the annual reports of our state historical society. We merely wish to be put right upon the record, that is all.

The somewhat lengthy report closes with a review of Iowa, or rather a merited scoring of several of the lately expelled masons of that jurisdiction.

M. : W. : R. G. Phelps, Atlantic, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reelected Grand Secretary and continued as committee on foreign correspondence.

KANSAS, 1891.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Ft. Scott, Feb. 18th and 19th, M. : W. : J. C. Postlethwaite, Grand Master. Two hundred and sixty lodges represented, three hundred and forty-one upon the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges. Membership eighteen thousand and eighty-nine; net gain seven hundred and sixty-six. Receipts \$10,027.24.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

1. A brother who has been elected to any office in his lodge and removes from the grand jurisdiction before installation is entitled to his dimit on application.

7. Masonic halls leased for a term of years cannot be dedicated.

8. A lodge may appear in the funeral procession of a brother when it is not conducted by it or any other masonic association without obtaining special dispensation.

9. A lodge loses jurisdiction over material as soon as it passes beyond its jurisdictional lines, with bona-fide intent to locate elsewhere.

Decisions seven and eight are out of the usual course and open to criticism. We see no objection to the dedication of a rented hall, but masonic usage is decidedly against the turning out of a lodge in any funeral procession not under its own auspices.

It was voted unanimously to omit the roll of lodge membership from the published proceedings.

A committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Eastern Star to devise some feasible plan for the establishment of a widow's and orphan's home, and report next year.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the Grand Lodge of Tasmania were recognized.

An able address was delivered by Bro. J. G. Dougherty, Grand Orator.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. J. H. Brown, his twentieth annual. The following paragraphs are taken from the review of Minnesota:

The annual address of Grand Master Kiester covers about twenty-four pages of these proceedings, and altogether may be classed among the able official documents of the year.

Phototypes of Past Grand Masters H. R. Denny and R. H. Gove grace the pages of these proceedings. The former we had the pleasure of meeting in the city of Chicago, 1887, and we think the phototype faithfully represents the distinguished brother.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted a brief report on correspondence of seventy pages, in which he fraternally pays his respects to the transactions of fifty-one grand lodges, Kansas for 1889 among the number. This being his maiden effort, he surely has done well in that he has kept off the toes of all except Bro. Robbins, who is a trifle nettled over Bro. Todd's, no doubt, intended joke. We hope the brother will have more to say next year, so as to give us a chance to pinch him occasionally as we pass along.

Under the head of Colorado he very sensibly remarks:

We confess that we are not, by any means, favorably impressed with the new departure of our brethren of the Centennial State in following in the wake of our Maryland brethren in the opening ceremonies of their grand lodge. All such pomp and show has no place in our masonic ceremonies, and grand lodges which indulge in such dress parades are, in our judgment, drifting away from the ancient moorings of our fraternity.

Bro. Brown suggests a meeting of the guild in Topeka next year, just before or immediately after the triennial conclave. The idea is a good one; nothing like personal acquaintance to tone down the reportorial asperities; the time and place, however, will not be so easily settled. The one held in Minneapolis last July will do for a starter.

M. : W. : A. M. Callaham, Topeka, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. H. Brown, Kansas City, reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at Millersburg, Nov. 11th, to attend the funeral of Bro. Hiram Bassett, past grand master and past grand secretary. A fine portrait of this distinguished mason faces the title page. Another to dedicate the monument of Bro. L. P. Blackburn was held at Frankfort, May 27th, and a third at Lagrange, May 29th, to dedicate the monument of Bro. Rob. Morris, at which Bro. E. S. Fitch, our representative, delivered an able and valuable address.

The ninety-second annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 7th, 8th, and 9th, M. : W. : C. H. Fisk, Grand Master. Three hundred and three lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-seven upon the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Thirteen dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen thousand, four hundred, and sixty-five, a gain of four hundred and twenty-five. Receipts \$16,811.33.

The grand master reported official communications from the grand chapter, grand council, and grand consistory that membership in those bodies would hereafter depend upon affiliation with a blue lodge, and comments thereon as follows:

The bodies above enumerated have been declared regular and legitimate by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and so are. No action was necessary on the part of either in order to sustenance of the amicable and fraternal relations which have ever existed between them and this grand lodge. Their laws and actions, however, are in marked contrast with those of the rite specially declared by this grand lodge to be irregular, clandestine, and illegitimate; whose representatives have announced in printed and freely distributed circulars that suspension or expulsion by a regular masonic lodge or body does not in anywise disqualify the suspended or expelled persons for admission into bodies of that rite.

Why should it, inasmuch as several of its promoters were under a similar ban at the time of the alleged resuscitation ten years ago?

Fifty-five decisions were reported, mostly of local interest, and given at too great length for reproduction.

Among the new legislation was a resolution requiring each successive grand master, as soon after installation as practicable, to furnish his portrait to the grand secretary for framing and preservation; a sensible enactment.

The committee on library reported progress, but seem to be cramped both for room and funds. The Home seemingly over-shadows everything in Kentucky.

Delegates were elected to a proposed fraternal congress to be held in Chicago during the great fair, not with a view of forming another general grand body, but for the interchange of sentiments concerning the good of the order. The idea is an excellent one if generally adopted.

Bro. J. W. Staton prepared the report on foreign correspondence as a matter of course, and the following paragraphs are taken from his review of Minnesota:

The grand secretary presented a very excellent and faithful account of the affairs of his office for the year. He shows himself the worthy successor of the lamented Pierson. He gives a very encouraging account of the condition of the library, and fully corroborates the statements of the grand master relative thereto.

The report on correspondence is the work of our old friend, Bro. Irving Todd, who seems in every way worthy to be the successor of the lamented Bro. Pierson. Bro. Todd has for several years back been engaged in the collection of masonic literature until he has gathered quite a fine collection, and, if we mistake not, has familiarized himself therewith, thereby preparing him for the onerous duties of writing a report on correspondence. The report before us is a well prepared paper of one hundred and thirty-four pages, made up of judicious excerpts, with liberal comments thereon when necessary. * * * We see a great deal in this report to approve and very little, if anything, to disapprove; too little, in fact, to waste time and valuable space to "raise a dust" over.

Under the head of Missouri we find the following, which agrees precisely with our own legislation:

Kentucky means to say, and has said distinctly more than once, that she has the undoubted right to sit in judgment on any and all bodies calling themselves masonic, and professing to make the blue degrees their foundation stone upon which to build, as to who shall and who shall not use her esotery.

In the conclusion their representative near the Grand Lodge of Iowa is scored for uncourteous language in reporting the transactions of that body, and upon referring to the list we were not surprised to find the name of John Scott, past grand master. The Nevada brother is evidently seeking for notoriety; possibly he may attain more than he really cares for.

M.: W.: J. A. McKenzie, Oak Grove, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. B. Grant, Louisville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, and promoted to senior grand warden.

LOUISIANA, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at New Orleans, Sept. 29th, to confer upon matters connected with the rebuilding of their temple.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 9th, 10th, and 11th, M.: W.: C. F. Buck, Grand Master. Sixty lodges represented; ninety-seven upon the roll. Five past grand masters present, including our representative.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and fourteen; gain thirty-four. Receipts, including sale of real estate, \$41,222.57.

Five decisions were reported, the third being that an old man is not necessarily a dotard, the fifth sustaining a master in declining to initiate a candidate who was unable to sign his own name to the application.

The subordinate lodges were directed to send names of eligible brethren to the grand master for appointment as district deputy grand masters.

The sum of \$600 was appropriated for dissemination of the work and lectures during the ensuing year by Bro. S. M. Todd, past grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows upon the same plan as those of the preceding years, the Cerneau question being the most prominent topic.

Our action is given in full, together with that portion of the address and the committee report.

M. : W. : C. F. Buck reelected Grand Master; R. : W. : Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary; Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1891.

The seventy-second annual communication was held at Portland, May 5th, 6th, and 7th, M. : W. : A. E. Chase, Grand Master, whose pleasing countenance greets us upon opening the pamphlet. One hundred and seventy-four lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-one upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation granted for a new lodge. Membership twenty thousand, nine hundred, and sixty-eight; gain two hundred and eighty-eight. Receipts \$6,109.86.

The grand master feelingly alluded to an anticipated clam bake on St. John's Day, at which the principal ingredient was served in an uneatable condition and left behind to be dished up again in the courts. It was indeed a sad calamity.

Among the decisions was one to the effect that an objection to a candidate operated for six months only, and must then be renewed should the petition be again presented.

The committee on the history of masonry in that jurisdiction submitted with their report a photograph of the old Burnham Tavern at Machias, where Warren Lodge No. 2 held its first recorded meeting, May 20th, 1779, from which a plate was made and inserted in the proceedings.

The grand lodges of New Zealand and Tasmania were not recognized for want of sufficient information as to their organization.

The retiring grand master was presented with a suitable jewel by his local lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence was again most ably presented by Bro. J. H. Drummond, four pages being devoted to Minnesota.

Commenting upon Bro. Keister's statement as to the condition of the craft he adds:

This is a fine showing; there is another thing which may well be said; whether Minnesota is populated more extensively by people from New England, or whatever be the cause, her grand lodge adheres more closely than other grand lodges of about her age to the masonic polity of the New England grand lodges; modern ideas of a form of masonic government that shall be an improvement upon that of the fathers have not gained much foothold in that jurisdiction.

Referring to that portion of the address relating to ciphers, which is copied entire, he says:

Every word of this is true; and yet we have almost reached the conclusion that the craft have become so demoralized upon this subject that they will not take efficient measures to cure the evil. Popular sentiment is sometimes more powerful than law; and, while the statement is mortifying in the highest degree, we almost despair of the ability of grand lodges to enforce the law against this evil, until the sentiment of the craft is aroused to realize the situation and to appreciate that it is better not to have "correct work," if it can be had only at such a sacrifice.

A resolution prohibiting the sale or circulation of printed ciphers was tabled by his own grand lodge until another year.

The following paragraphs are also extracted:

A report was made in relation to the adoption of the district deputy system, but the matter was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which, however, made no report. The system proposed had one grave defect, fatal to its proper operation; it left the expenses to be paid by the lodges visited; such visitation is for the good *of the whole craft*, and the expense of the visitation should be borne accordingly; a lodge at a distance from the deputy should not be obliged to pay more than its per capita share of the whole expense.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. He adheres pretty closely to an account of the more important action of other grand lodges, but shows that he is able to make comments pertinent and sound. * * * We suspected that he had had training and experience of a character to fit him for writing reports.

Bro. Drummond dissents from our views concerning the district deputies, and says they are officers created by the grand lodge. With us they are considered somewhat as the personal representatives of the grand master. The districts being so

small and compact the expense involved in an annual visitation is a very trifling item, particularly when no per diem or other remuneration is involved.

Under the head of Illinois he replies to Bro. Robbins as follows:

We hold that the grand lodge has the full power to determine what the members of its obedience *may practice as masonry*; to forbid their practicing, *as masonry*, any rites which it deems injurious to the harmony and welfare of the craft; and to intervene whenever it finds it necessary to protect the institution.

Under the head of Utah he thus refers to their grand lodge library:

The time has arrived, which we have foreseen must come. The grand lodge has a general library of eight thousand volumes. It could scarcely have done for the community a greater good than it has done by the creation and temporary maintenance of this library. But the library has grown to such dimensions that it is no longer within the proper functions of a grand lodge to give to it the necessary labor, time, and money to manage it properly and secure the additions necessary to continue its usefulness.

This is our position exactly, Bro. Parvin to the contrary notwithstanding.

M. : W. : H. R. Taylor, Machias, Grand Master; R. : W. : Ira Berry, Portland, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

After the proceedings were received there comes to our table a circular announcing the death of Bro. Ira Berry, Sept. 20th, aged ninety years. We quote:

Since 1856 he has, with scrupulous fidelity, held the important position of recording grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Few men obtain his age, few hold an official position of such trust for so many successive terms. Few masons in this or in sister jurisdictions have been more widely known. Thousands, who had not a personal acquaintance with him, were yet familiar with his clear-cut autograph, typical of a simplicity and beauty of life, which has continued so far beyond the length of days appointed for man's existence.

Unassuming in demeanor, social, yet methodical in his habits, genial and cheerful in his nature, possessing exquisite tastes and sympathies, his heart seemed never to grow old, for

"Grains of golden wisdom and kind deeds,
Heaped not the threshing-floor alone,
But scattered all along life's sunny road."

May his memory be kindly cherished by the fraternity.

Bro. Stephen Berry, Portland, has been appointed acting grand secretary, his long experience as assistant eminently fitting him for the position.

MANITOBA, 1891.

A special communication was held at Minnedosa, July 1st, to lay the corner stone of a masonic hall.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 10th and 11th, M.: W.: J. A. Ovas, Grand Master. Thirty lodges represented; thirty-nine upon the roll. Three past grand masters present. Our representative absent.

Five dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; gain one hundred and twenty-one. Receipts \$1,919.16.

The grand master reported that he had caused the healing of a clandestine mason, hailing from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

A request from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition was not granted, for want of sufficient information as to its organization.

The report of the committee on grand lodge library was amended, so that the entire appropriation of \$150 is to be devoted to the purchase of works of a masonic character.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: W. G. Bell, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. G. Scott reelected Grand Secretary; both of Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1890.

A special communication was held at Baltimore, July 28th and 29th, to attend the funeral of Bro. J. S. Tyson, past grand master, whose portrait is given as a frontispiece.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 18th and 19th, M. . W. . T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, who apparently cooled his heels in the ante-room until the grand lodge had organized, appointed the standing committees, and signified its pleasure to receive him. Well, it's a way they have of doing things, and we are not casting the first stone. The eighty-four lodges all represented. Four past grand masters present, and also our representative.

Membership five thousand, four hundred, and ninety-one. Receipts, six months, \$9,573.13.

The grand master congratulated the craft upon the success of their great fair, which netted \$61,000 towards the temple debt; decided that the disclosure of a secret ballot was a proper case for expulsion; reported the discovery of a master mason's widow in the poor-house and her removal to more comfortable quarters.

The five surviving grand masters had dined together in the afternoon, but the senior, Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe, now in his eighty-eighth year, felt unequal to the excitement of attending the session and returned home. The others were received with the grand honors and responded with brief addresses. As a result of their remarks the charity fund was revived, with a subscription of \$2,600.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred to await further developments.

A pleasing incident was the presentation of a silver service to the grand master in acknowledgment of his efforts in reducing their debt from \$286,000 to \$100,000 during the five years of his administration.

M. . W. . T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R. . W. . J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Baltimore.

MAY, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at Baltimore, Jan. 1st, to consult upon the rebuilding of their temple, which had been partially destroyed by fire a week previous. The loss of the

grand lodge, aside from the building, seems to have been principally confined to portraits of its past grand masters, which were ordered replaced.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 13th and 14th, M.·. W.·. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Eighty-two lodges represented; our representative present. Receipts, six months, \$10,246.95.

The grand master stated in the address that Bro. E. T. Schultz had reduced the price of his history to \$5 for the four bound volumes, barely covering the cost of paper and printing, and even at that nominal figure but few copies had been called for. This is not very complimentary to the craft.

Appropriate medals were presented to eleven brethren for their services in saving valuable property at the fire, and also one to Bro. M. M. Parker, past grand master of the District of Columbia, for assistance rendered in securing the old United States court-house as a temporary place of refuge. After the grand master had performed this pleasing duty he was greatly surprised at receiving another himself.

The recommendations of the grand master in relation to rebuilding, to the early establishment of a masonic home, and to more frequent visits of the grand lecturer to lodges outside of the city were concurred in. That of printing but one pamphlet a year instead of two was rejected.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. E. T. Schultz, whose acquaintance we made last summer. In the review of Minnesota is found the following:

He ruled, as did the grand master of Delaware, that a person who *affirmed* could not be made a mason, and the grand lodge approved his ruling. If this be correct then we can no longer say, "Masonry unites men of every country, *sect*, and opinion into, etc."

Bro. Irving Todd is the author of the report on correspondence. He reviews in a pleasing manner the proceedings of fifty-three grand lodges.

Under the head of Maine he responds to Bro. Drummond, denying the right of a past master to open and preside over a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens, and adds:

Again, the charter of a lodge is intrusted to the master and the wardens, who are its *legal custodians*, and it can be delivered only to their *successors* when duly elected and installed. Consequently if neither the master or wardens are present the charter is *not present*, and the lodge *cannot* be opened.

From the above one would infer that these officers, in Maryland, were in the habit of carrying the warrant around upon their persons, consequently it must be issued in triplicate. With us a common practice is to frame the charter and hang it up in the lodge room; therefore it is always present no matter who is absent. Furthermore, our constitution authorizes a lodge to be opened by one of its past masters in the absence of the master and wardens, a contingency which sometimes arises, although not often.

Under the head of Montana he observes:

This grand lodge, although but twenty-six years old, has had *twenty-five* grand masters, while our grand lodge, one hundred and four years old, has had only *thirty*.

From present indications it will be some time before the latter has another, unless the indefatigable Shryock peremptorily declines reëlection.

The following is taken from under the head of Nevada:

Our ideas of the duties of the correspondence writers differ very widely from those of Bro. Fulton. Opinions, that are worth anything at all, are not *cheap*, on the contrary to be able to give an intelligent opinion on masonic questions requires years of careful reading and study.

He disputes the reckoning of New York, contending that the present grand lodge cannot claim an earlier date for its organization as an independent body than Mar. 7th, 1787.

In the conclusion is found an able and exhaustive discussion of the so-called Cerneau question, from which is taken the following as a sample:

A grand lodge is the supreme masonic authority within its jurisdiction over all matters affecting the welfare of the craft; if therefore anything, no matter what it may be, occur to disturb the peace and harmony of the craft it is not only the province, but the duty, of the grand lodge to inquire into and ascertain the cause of the disturbance

and to interdict those of its household whom it may deem to be the promoters of the disturbance. To deny such powers to a grand lodge is to deny its supremacy in matters pertaining to the fraternity, which will hardly be questioned by any one after mature reflection.

He notes the fact that Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas has withdrawn from the grand commandership of his council, but is not advised whether he is still affiliated with the organization.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1890.

Besides the quarterlies four special communications were held for the purpose of dedicating lodge halls and the laying of corner stones.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted at the March quarterly providing for a standing committee on charters and by-laws, with authority to approve by-laws of subordinate lodges when the grand lodge is not in session.

At the June quarterly the deaths of Bro. B. L. Wales and Bro. W. F. Salmon, past grand wardens, were announced, both old and prominent members. A portrait of the latter accompanies his biography.

At the September quarterly the deaths of Bro. J. W. Dadmun and Bro. G. P. Sanger, past deputy grand master, were announced. The former was better known as chairman of the grand chapter committee on foreign correspondence, having written its reports for a number of years. We made his acquaintance in Boston less than a month before his decease.

At the December quarterly the annual address was delivered. The grand master seems to keep the books and make the financial reports, and from his tables it is ascertained that they have two hundred and twenty-six lodges, besides one under dispensation and five in foreign countries, with a membership of thirty thousand, eight hundred, and eighty; gain seven hundred and seventy. Receipts \$36,814.13.

The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to the Education and Charity Trust.

M. . W. . Samuel Wells, Boston, Grand Master, and R. . W. . S. D. Nickerson, Cambridge, Grand Secretary, were unanimously reelected.

At the stated communication in December the grand officers were installed and the Grand Feast celebrated.

MICHIGAN, 1891.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held at Grand Rapids, Jan. 27th and 28th, M. . W. . J. S. Cross, Grand Master. Three hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-seven upon the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirty-one thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-four; gain eight hundred. Receipts \$11,842.70.

A handsome portrait of the retiring grand master and our representative appears as a frontispiece.

The prayer of the grand chaplain was given in full, over a page, although a very commonplace effort. As the small boy said of the pudding, it will do to fill up.

The first order of business was the dedication of their new and beautiful home, Bro. Hugh McCurdy, past grand master, delivering an eloquent oration at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

There were thirty-seven decisions reported, from which we take the following:

9. The granting of a dimit is an act of grace on the part of the lodge; a brother cannot insist upon it as a right. The lodge is the sole judge of the sufficiency of the reasons given with the application for a dimit.

12. When an entered apprentice loses the thumb of his right hand it is a bar to his advancement.

17. The worshipful master should preside at all trials in his lodge, even though he may be cognizant of the facts and a witness in the case.

We do not agree with the above, but hold that a brother's affiliation with a lodge is purely voluntary and may be severed at pleasure, provided, of course, that his dues are paid and no

charges are pending; that an entered apprentice is a mason, and should not be prevented by accident from advancement; that no judge should preside at a trial in which he is personally interested.

The grand lodges of Victoria and Tasmania were recognized, and that of New Zealand deferred.

The matter of support of the masonic home was decided by an appropriation of \$3,000, and the appointment of a committee of ten to report upon the subject next year.

The report on correspondence is a formidable document of three hundred and eighty-seven pages, prepared by the grand secretary. Minnesota is noticed at great length. We quote:

His twelve years' experience as assistant to Grand Secretary Pierson fitted this brother most admirably for the position he now occupies. He must be perfectly familiar with the workings of his office and with everything pertaining thereto.

The grand secretary was ordered to purchase the necessary copies of Todd's Digest, and to furnish a copy to each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction. A good move in the right direction.

Having occupied so much space already with these proceedings, we must satisfy ourselves with a very brief reference to the report on correspondence, written by Bro. Todd. Fifty-one sister jurisdictions are fraternally reviewed, Michigan for 1889 among the number. Ancient as the review of our jurisdiction is, it is nevertheless fraternal, and we thank the brother for his kind words.

Bro. Innes is one of the illustrious trio of Cerneau sympathizers and shriekers, and thus refers to our action of two years ago:

We had almost said that such resolutions had better be obliterated and never written, far less adopted by a grand lodge. Why a mason should be debarred from being present at the conferring of degrees that are described as "no masonry at all," beats the writer.

Yes, it beats all of the Cerneaus, in fact was intended for that purpose, consequently meets with little favor at their hands.

Under the head of Florida he says:

But we are an applicant for the purchase of any patent that any man, secretary or writer on correspondence, might give us, that would shorten up our reports on correspondence. One thing is sure; the jurisdictions have either got to do less good work, or we have got to get a patent before we can reduce the length of these interesting reports.

M. : W. : J. Q. Look, Lowell, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, reëlected Grand Secretary, and ex-officio chairman of the committee on correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI, 1891.

The seventy-third annual communication was held at Aberdeen, Feb. 12th and 13th, M. : W. : John Riley, Grand Master, and our representative. One hundred and twenty-three lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-seven upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges; one charter arrested, one surrendered, and one restored. Membership eight thousand, three hundred, and ninety; gain four hundred and twenty-four. Receipts \$8,546.47.

The prayer of the grand chaplain is given in full; brief and to the point.

The death of Bro. R. C. Patty, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master had no occasion to make any new decisions, answering a great variety of questions by referring to those already made.

An earnest plea for the proposed masonic home was presented by Bro. A. H. Barclay, past grand master.

The grand secretary reported that he had issued to date two hundred and forty exemption certificates to members of lodges over seventy years of age, and whose aggregate affiliation exceeds twenty-one years.

An appropriation of \$300 was made to a daughter of the late Bro. H. W. Walter, past grand master, to enable her to complete a course at a medical college.

The committee on biennial sessions recommended that no change be made in existing laws, which report was adopted.

The grand representatives of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee were directed to ask the grand lodges to which they are accredited to adopt the regulation relating to concurrent jurisdiction of lodges on the border of said states.

The proposition to impose a per capita tax of twenty cents for the masonic home was submitted to the subordinate lodges, to report at the next annual communication.

The masonic home funds were placed in the hands of a special finance committee of five.

The committee on masonic law and jurisprudence submitted thirty-one decisions made during the year, of purely local interest.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was not recognized.

The representatives near the grand lodges of Tennessee and New York sent in written reports, which were printed in the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. H. Barclay. The following paragraphs are taken from his review of Minnesota:

The remains of Bro. Pierson were buried in Oakland Cemetery with due masonic honors. A great and good man has fallen. He was a terse and ready writer, and his place will be hard to fill, both as grand secretary and correspondent. His work is done, his labors ended on earth, and with feelings of peculiar sadness we record the fact of his demise.

Bro. Irving Todd, on behalf of the committee, submitted the report on correspondence. We have read the report with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

As regards eligibility to the office of district deputy grand master he thus explains:

He must be a past master, in possession of the adopted work and lectures, and aptness to teach the same.

Precisely. The point we raised was as to the qualifications of a warden under the decision of 1889, taking it for granted that he had attained no greater rank. A district deputy might be called upon to install a master or to confer a degree, offices, which if only a warden, he obviously could not perform.

M. : W. : J. M. Ware, Starkville, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, foreign correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1891.

The seventy-first annual communication was held at Kansas City, Oct. 13th, 14th, and 15th, M. : W. : G. E. Walker, Grand Master, and our representative. Two hundred and seventy lodges represented; five hundred and forty-four upon the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; eight lodges consolidated. Membership twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred, and sixteen; gain nine hundred and ninety-two. Receipts \$14,429.

The deaths of Bro. M. H. McFarland and Bro. J. H. Turner, past grand masters, were announced.

Ten decisions were reported, from which we take the following:

1. Lodges under dispensation should be represented in boards of relief and contribute to the relief fund the same as chartered lodges.
2. An entered apprentice who has violated our law by engaging in the saloon business cannot be granted a dimit.
8. The by-laws of a lodge should specify a certain hour for meeting.

A banquet was tendered the second evening by the local brethren.

An invasion of territory by the Grand Lodge of Kansas was noted, the grand officers appearing in a body and receiving a cordial welcome.

From the report of the committee on chartered lodges it is learned that there is still one saloon keeper upon its rolls, the secretary of a subordinate lodge. He will doubtless be promptly fired.

The report of the superintendent of the home states that there are thirty-eight inmates. The secretary's report gives the cash expenditures for the year ending July 31st at \$8,142.59, with \$1,200 due the superintendent and matron as undrawn salaries, a total of \$9,342.59, or about \$246 per capita. Bro. Vincil insists that the whole expense for one year was less than \$3,000; but the official figures are nearly three times that amount. No matter how carefully and economically the institution is conducted we are unable to see how the cost, year by year, can be reduced below the sum named above.

The grand secretary apologizes for the unusual delay in issuing the proceedings owing to the distance from the printer. It was five days after the close of the session before he began mailing them.

The report on correspondence was made by Bro. J. D. Vincil, who devotes several pages to a fraternal review of Minnesota, from which the following extracts are taken:

The new grand secretary, Bro. Montgomery, successor to the late Bro. Pierson, shows both adaptation and facility in the work of publishing a journal of grand lodge proceedings. A very handsome annual of two hundred and forty pages came to hand in good time.

A report covering one hundred and thirty-five pages was furnished by Bro. Irving Todd, "for the committee." The proceedings of fifty-four grand lodges had passed under consideration, the report being made up of extensive extracts from the journals reviewed. Bro. Todd is a careful and thoughtful reviewer.

He says that we seem to understand the way things are done at his office, which is quite true from personal observation. Bro. Vincil's records are models, every transaction being punctually and systematically entered, with a place for everything. It must be a pleasure to do business with such a prompt and capable officer.

At the risk of again being charged with an attempt to make capital we copy the following:

I teach, as I feel, that my first and highest obligation is to the grand lodge of symbolic masons. Such should be the spirit governing every member of subordinate lodges. In thus maintaining true allegiance to the parent body, the members of lodges are not likely to be led off after strange gods. If a grand lodge makes a deliverance against Cerneauism, or any form of high riteism, the duty of members of symbolic lodges is to obey the mandates of the present body.

We have hopes, even of Bro. Vincil.

Under the head of Georgia is found this delicate morsel of sarcasm:

The grand chaplain furnished as usual a prepared address to the Lord, which was printed in the proceedings. The only defect connected with this paper is that the grand chaplain did not sign his name to it.

Under the head of Iowa he admits having received some of the Scottish Rite degrees free of charge, and his subsequent

suspension for non-payment of dues. The confession was only made after the fact had been substantiated by authority which could not be disputed. A year ago he wrote:

I have no sympathy with any of the jurisdictions of high riteism, never had, and never expect to have. Do not belong to any part of the contending branches and never expect to.

In the same paragraph he accused Bro. Parvin of having "either wrote in a hurry or forgot one of the commandments given on Sinai." It would be charitable to conclude that this statement was dashed off in great haste. According to his own showing Bro. Vincil is a member of a lodge of perfection in St. Louis, although not in good standing.

Under the head of Ohio he refers to the case of the grand master of Tennessee:

Bro. Cunningham seems to have the proof that Bro. Ingersoll belonged to the Scotch Rite order and was a high official in that branch of so-called masonry in Tennessee, as planted there by the Cerneau propagandists. That being true, his declaration that he had no connection or relation with either branch of the Scottish Rite factions places him at a disadvantage, morally and masonically, in this controversy. He must explain the disparity and account for the contradiction in any way that may suit himself.

M. : W. : B. H. Ingram, Sedalia, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, reëlected Grand Secretary, and also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MONTANA, 1891.

Special communications were held on several occasions for the laying of corner stones, dedication of halls, and attending the funeral of Bro. John Anderson, past grand master.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Butte, Oct. 14th and 15th, M. : W. : W. T. Boardman, Grand Master. Thirty-one lodges represented; thirty-three upon the roll. Nine past grand masters present and our representative. Membership twenty thousand and eight; gain one hundred and seventy-five. Receipts \$3,809.51.

A portrait of the retiring grand master appears as a frontispiece.

The committee on jurisprudence reported unfavorably upon the proposed regulation requiring sentences of expulsion to be confirmed by the grand lodge before becoming operative, and their report was adopted. This is not sound legislation.

The standing resolution concerning non-affiliates was amended so that they may visit one year, and if rejected may enjoy all the rights and benefits of masonry by paying grand lodge dues. This is somewhat after our plan as applied to involuntary non-affiliates.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the grand lodge would not become responsible for any debt or obligation of a demised lodge beyond the value of the property, effects, and credits left upon its hands.

The Grand Chapter of Montana having decided that suspension or expulsion in a blue lodge should have a like effect in their chapters, the secretaries of subordinate lodges were requested to give proper notice to the secretaries of the chapters.

The resolution recommending the incorporation of subordinate lodges was repealed.

The regulation requiring the reading of the entire proceedings in each lodge was modified to cover only the constitution, by-laws, and standing regulations.

The recommendations of the grand master to pay but one representative from each lodge and requiring a single ballot for the three degrees were not concurred in.

A resolution encouraging the organization of chapters of Eastern Star was tabled.

Five per cent of the annual dues were set apart as a grand charity fund, to be placed in the hands of the grand master, grand treasurer, and grand secretary as trustees.

The question of eligibility of saloon keepers to the degrees of masonry was left to the subordinate lodges, the grand lodge expressing the opinion that they were not fit or proper material.

The regulation of 1887 adopting the Webb work was rescinded, and that previously in vogue was declared the Montana work.

A banquet was provided by the local brethren, the record stating that "in the company of the ladies and the abundance of hospitality and good speeches the contentions of the day were soon forgotten."

The report on fraternal correspondence was presented by Bro. Cornelius Hedges, with a brief review of Minnesota, from which we quote:

Grand Secretary Montgomery has entered upon his duties with a systematic, aggressive zeal that promises to be prolific of benefit. His suggestions about a grand register were not fully appreciated.

In one hundred and thirty-four pages Bro. Irving Todd makes a very intelligent survey of the transactions of corresponding jurisdictions. He is good at digesting, and his editorial experience has taught him that "it requires the best man in the shop to do the clipping." His penchant for controversial issues occasionally shows itself. It is rather remarkable that his respect for the printed page should have survived thirty years of editorial experience, so much as to enable him to copy all the extracts included in his report. We are glad to notice that his good work is so well appreciated at home as to secure his reappointment.

Bro. Hedges is of the opinion that our grand lodge is partially at fault for the use of ciphers, inasmuch as it provides no lecturers. The matter of instruction with us is placed in the hands of the thirty-four district deputies, who are authorized and expected to correct the work of their respective lodges. It is not a perfect plan, but answers the purpose at a very small expense.

Referring to the widows and orphans' fund in Arizona he says:

That is something we have never had in Montana, and what is more we have never seen the need of one. There never were half enough widows in Montana to supply the home market.

M. : W. : R. O. Hickman, Grand Master; R. : W. : Cornelius Hedges reflected Grand Secretary; both of Helena. The latter is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

NEBRASKA, 1891.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Omaha, June 17th, 18th, and 19th, M. : W. : R. E. French, Grand

Master. One hundred and seventy-two lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-eight upon the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Eight dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership nine thousand, two hundred, and eighty-two; gain four hundred and thirty-five. Receipts \$12,969.

The annual address is a formidable document of fifty-four pages in small type, taking up considerably more than a third of the space. It shows an immense amount of labor performed during the year, much of it purely clerical and outside of the usual duties appertaining to the office.

The restoration of the charter of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was announced, the obnoxious resolutions having been expunged by an unanimous vote.

The charter of Salem Lodge No. 47 was suspended for contumacy of its master, and charges ordered to be preferred against him.

An appropriation of \$500 was made to the grand master for clerk hire, in addition to the \$300 for current expenses. The question naturally arises, what is the grand secretary for if not to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge, under the direction of the grand master?

Bro. A. R. Graham, grand orator, was unable to be present, but sent in an address which was spread upon the record.

There was no report on foreign correspondence; one was ordered for next year.

M. : W. : B. D. Slaughter, Fullerton, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reelected Grand Secretary; the latter is chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEVADA, 1891.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Reno, June 9th and 10th, M. : W. : J. W. Eckley, Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; twenty upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Membership nine hundred and ninety-one, a loss of seven. Receipts \$1,650.

The grand lodges at Tasmania and Victoria were recognized.

An invitation was accepted from the local lodge to meet at its hall in the evening "for the purpose of social enjoyment in the way of dancing, music, and recitations."

A brief report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. R. L. Fulton, Minnesota fraternally noticed. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd submits a well considered report on correspondence.

A digest of decisions is appended to the report.

M. : W. : Frank Bell, Reno, Grand Master; R. : W. : C. N. Noteware, Carson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. R. L. Fulton, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1891.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at St. John, April 28th and 29th, M. : W. : Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Twenty-two lodges represented; thirty-two upon the roll. A large number of past grand officers reported present; our representative in the grand east.

Membership eighteen hundred and eighty, a decrease of five. Receipts \$2,234.20.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized.

A jewel was presented to the grand master by his local lodge.

A special communication was held on St. John's Day for the purpose of attending divine worship, and another to lay a corner stone.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Thomas Walker reëlected Grand Master; V. : W. : E. J. Wetmore reappointed Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1891.

The semi-annual communication was held at Manchester, Dec. 30th, at which the degrees were exemplified and a collation served.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held at Concord, May 20th, M. : W. : F. D. Woodbury, Grand

Master. Forty-seven lodges represented; seventy eight upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight thousand, five hundred, and forty-two; gain two hundred and nine. Receipts \$2,673 07.

A portrait of the late Bro. John Christie, past grand master, faces the title page.

The salary of the grand secretary was increased \$100, dating back a year. Served him right.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. A. S. Wait, Minnesota for 1890 and 1891 being reviewed at considerable length. We extract both of his personals:

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, who in a paper of seventy pages shows himself no unworthy successor of the lamented Pierson. He reviews the proceedings of fifty-one sister grand lodges, our own for 1889 included.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, whose review of the proceedings of the various grand jurisdictions is scholarly and able, and his criticisms appear to us generally well timed and judicious. Under District of Columbia and Florida he has some observations upon the grand master's prerogative, which accords with views we have many times expressed.

Bro. Wait is of the belief that we will see reasons to modify some of our propositions in relation to non-intercourse, but our views remain the same as before, or rather strengthened by his later explanation. The severance of fraternal relations by one grand lodge with another necessarily includes all masons of its obedience, whether formally stated or not. Otherwise it is not non-intercourse at all. The case of Ohio and Tennessee has no bearing upon the subject whatever. The grand master of Tennessee declined to appoint a representative suggested by the grand master of Ohio, and the latter refused to recognize the appointment which the former desired to make. Some bitter correspondence followed; then the grand master of Ohio attempted to recall the commission of their representative near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, but was unable to find any one holding such a document. Both grand lodges sustained their grand masters, but neither intimated any desire for non-intercourse. As it appears that the Grand Lodge of Ohio was

without a representative near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for some years without being aware of the fact there could have been very little fraternal relations or intercourse between the two bodies other than the interchange of their printed proceedings.

The following sentence we do not clearly understand:

It was this power of the grand lodge, or grand master, or both combined, that we denied.

Does Bro. Wait desire to go upon record as denying the universally admitted power of the grand master or the grand lodge to issue edicts and also to enforce them? We were of the impression that the so-called Cerneaus had a monopoly of this manner of reasoning.

We agree as to the present practice of appointing representatives by nomination from the jurisdictions to which they are accredited; had we used the term recent instead of modern there would probably have been no misunderstanding.

Under the head of Iowa is given an able review of the subject of ancient landmarks, in which we generally agree. Our idea of Bro. Albert Pike's paper is that it was prepared more as an exhibition of controversial powers than a desire to enlighten the craft.

Under New York is found the following conclusions deduced from the well known Lemm case:

If there is anything fundamental in masonry, it is that the regular lodges of the institution have the power to confer its degrees and to communicate the masonic status. A lodge may, doubtless, do a wrong and render itself liable to censure, but its work is the work of the institution, and cannot be without masonic virtue. Residence or citizenship has nothing to do fundamentally with the right to become a mason, and the local laws relating to it in the several jurisdictions are, legitimately, only for the government of the lodges, and cannot extend to the profane world. A grand lodge may prescribe to its subordinates that they shall not confer the degrees upon residents of other jurisdictions, but it does not follow that the same grand lodge can prescribe to profanes resident within the territory it occupies that they shall not receive the degrees elsewhere, and this is a power which no grand lodge possesses.

The above is as radically wrong as the regulation which he had been criticising. Under the American policy of territorial

jurisdiction the grand lodges have restricted the right of a profane from making application to other than his local lodge, a condition essential to the practical workings of the system. Should a resident of Minnesota obtain the degrees while temporarily absent from home we would not say, like New Jersey, that the initiation was null and void, but would hold that he was an irregularly made mason, and treat him accordingly. He could be healed by the grand master or the grand lodge, but by no other authority. This principle was recognized by New York, as it doubtless would be by New Hampshire under similar circumstances. It may not be the ancient law of the institution nor the law of that jurisdiction where masonry in its modern organization took its rise, to quote from Bro. Wait, but it is the law in the United States and must be obeyed by both lodges and individual masons.

M. : W. : F. D. Woodbury, Grand Master, and R. : W. : G. P. Cleaves, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Concord. Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1891.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held in Trenton, Jan. 28th and 29th, M. : W. : C. H. Mann, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-one upon the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

One charter surrendered. Membership thirteen thousand, nine hundred, and eighty-one; gain three hundred and sixty-eight. Receipts \$7,784.13.

Portraits of Bro. C. H. Mann and Bro. Edward Stewart, past grand masters, appear in the proceedings.

The death of the venerable Bro. J. H. Hough, deputy and grand secretary from 1838, was announced. He had filled the office longer than any other man on record. A suitable memorial was prepared in appreciation of his services and virtues.

But one decision was reported, that a lodge by law exempting any member from payment of dues after a specified number of years was in conflict with their rules, and therefore null and void.

The grand master announced the settlement of the notorious Lemm case, noted at considerable length in our last year's report, by arbitration. New Jersey was sustained as a matter of course, and a request made to have him properly healed. Both jurisdictions are to be congratulated upon the happy termination of the difficulty, which at one time threatened a dissolution of their fraternal relations.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting the renewal of the petition of a rejected candidate until the expiration of four weeks.

The committee on masonic home reported subscriptions to the amount of \$6,508.50 from sixty-three lodges. They only ask for \$15,000, and promise to have the institution in active operation within one year. The committee was continued.

The privileges of the floor of the House of Assembly were tendered and accepted.

Fraternal greetings were received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, then in session.

A request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Victoria was referred to the committee on foreign correspondence.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Henry Vehslage, Minnesota receiving over two pages. We quote the following:

W. Bro. Irving Todd submitted a bright, readable, but brief review of the transactions of fifty-one grand lodges, New Jersey (1889) being included. His summary shows that he is skilled in the art of selection, and his comments, though few, are pertinent.

M. : W. : T. W. Tilden, Jersey City, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, Grand Secretary; Bro. Henry Vehslage, Irvington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1891.

The thirteenth annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Jan. 26th, 27th, and 28th, M. : W. : F. H. Kent, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; seventeen upon the roll. Nine past grand masters present, and a formidable list of past masters and past wardens.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge. Membership six hundred and ninety-six; gain sixty-five. Receipts \$765.

Portraits of Bro. W. L. Rynerson and Bro. S. B. Newcomb, past grand masters, are given in the proceedings.

Four decisions were reported, the second being that a candidate for the second and third degrees was not properly prepared with rings upon his fingers.

A resolution was adopted requiring subordinate lodges to elect officers annually at the communication preceding Dec. 27th, and to install them on the latter date. The grand lodge subsequently changed its own time of meeting back to November. Their fiscal year ends Oct. 31st, so it will be over ten months before the grand secretary has a list of lodge officers, a great inconvenience in conducting official correspondence, besides depriving the new officers of an opportunity of attending the grand lodge until nearly the close of their terms. It's a bad muddle, the effects of what has been appropriately termed hasty legislation. Our plan of referring all proposed legislation to the committee on jurisprudence is fraternally recommended to the brethren of New Mexico.

The other new legislation was the permanent location of the grand lodge at Albuquerque; the acceptance of the lots donated by Temple Lodge, of that city; the designation of the grand master and all past grand masters as a committee to consider the advisability of building; changing the time of holding the annual communications to the third Monday of November; imposing a fee of \$1 for every master mason raised during each year; adopting the Missouri work as standard.

The appeal from the action of Chapman Lodge was sustained and its action reversed. The charge was that Bro. T. F. Chapman had written a letter to his lodge containing the following expression:

I believe the Holy Bible to be a dangerous book, one that has been directly the cause of more outrages upon innocence and helplessness than any other cause in the history of mankind. It should be taken from the altar of masonry as a maligner of the Glorious Architect of the Universe, the God of Nature.

The offending brother was very properly expelled from membership and deprived of all the privileges of free masonry.

The report on foreign correspondence was the work of Bro. Max. Frost. Under Minnesota he says:

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, covers one hundred and thirty-four pages, and proves to be a very readable document, and in which the New Mexico proceedings for 1890 receives a short but cordial notice.

M.: W.: C. H. Dane, Deming, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max. Frost, Santa Fè, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1890-91.

At a special communication, held July 15th, 1890, suitable resolutions upon the death of Lord Carnarvon, their representative near the Grand Lodge of England, were adopted, and the grand lodges of New Zealand and Tasmania recognized.

At the quarterly communication, held Sept. 10th, the report of the cottage masonic hospital committee was submitted, announcing its completion at a cost of £1,500.

At a special communication, held Oct. 15th, an appropriate address was presented to Lord Carrington, Grand Master, upon the eve of his departure for England. The one hundred and eighty-seven lodges were all represented upon this occasion.

At a quarterly communication, held Dec. 10th, the resignation of their grand master was received, and the master of a subordinate lodge summoned to appear and explain the circumstances

under which a well known pugilist had been initiated. Perhaps the brethren merely wanted a fighting editor.

At a quarterly communication, held June 10th, the Earl of Jersey was elected Grand Master, and installed at a special the next day. A. H. Bray, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1891.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at New York, June 2d, 3d, and 4th, M. W. J. W. Vrooman, Grand Master. Seven hundred and nine lodges represented; seven hundred and twenty-one upon the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership seventy-seven thousand, nine hundred, and twenty-three; gain twenty-one hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$69,877.49.

Portraits of Bro. J. W. Husted and Bro. J. J. Couch, past grand masters, preface the proceedings.

The deaths of Bro. Charles Roome and Bro. E. E. Thorne, past grand masters, were announced.

The grand master stated that authority was conveyed in 1782 to open the Grand Lodge of England in New York, and during a recent visit to London he had obtained a certified copy of the minutes of that meeting, which are incorporated in the annual address.

Referring to the Lemm case the grand master says that a suitable apology was promptly made by Ft. Edward Lodge and graciously accepted by Mystic Tie Lodge, and the recommendations of the arbitrators fully carried out.

No decisions were reported, a marked contrast between this and some other jurisdictions that we wot of.

A fac simile of the original subscription list of the masonic hall and asylum fund is appended to the address.

A full report of the interesting exercises connected with the laying of the corner stone of the masonic asylum at Utica, May 21st, is given by the grand secretary, together with the orations, addresses, etc.

Bro. G. H. Raymond, grand lecturer, submitted his twenty-fifth annual report.

The report of Bro. H. G. Carter, grand librarian, shows considerable additions during the year. In many respects this is the finest masonic collection in the country, being very complete in original proceedings, pamphlets, and rare books.

Bro. C. T. McClenachan, historian, announced that the second volume of his history was in the hands of the printer, the work to be completed in the third.

The board of relief in New York City reported the disbursement of \$815.88 for charity. None of the cases were from Minnesota.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized, that of New Zealand deferred, and those of the Grand Orient of Italy and the Spanish Grand Lodge at Sevilla not recommended by the committee on jurisprudence.

Bro. J. B. Anthony presented another of his able reports on foreign correspondence. The following extracts are taken from his review of Minnesota:

The rulings submitted are good masonic law, and we wish that all who are guilty of such an un-masonic act could read and profit by his remarks on "an evil besetting us."

The report on correspondence—W. I. Irving Todd—is an interesting and able review of the proceedings of fifty-four grand bodies. The selections are made with good judgment and discretion, and his comments evince sound judgment.

He does not agree with our idea of the district deputy grand masters. With us they are not officers created by the constitution, but personal representatives of the grand master, appointed by him, and holding their positions during his will and pleasure. The only reference to them in our constitution is the amendment of 1875, entitling them to seats in the grand lodge without vote or compensation.

The following is taken from under the head of Delaware:

The ceremonies of installation are fully printed in the monitor, and can as properly be done in public as private. They involve no knowledge of lodge affairs which are not accessible to any one who cares to

read what is already in print. Public installations, when properly conducted, are oftentimes beneficial in their effects, and we cannot see any impropriety in them.

Under Iowa appears the following:

The inquiry is propounded "why the Royal Arch coat of arms, with the inscription Holiness to the Lord, should be inscribed on the pages of the proceedings of the grand lodge?" This cut has been the frontispiece to our transactions from the earliest date of their publication, and custom has made it to a certain extent a New York landmark. Furthermore, it is the seal of the Grand Lodge of New York, adopted as such and used by the grand lodge as far back as 1793, antedating the organization of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

The following is taken from under the head of Nebraska:

Upon this point we may properly remark that a grand lodge has the right to enact laws conformable to its constitutions and the general usages of masonry. Holding exclusive authority over its membership, obedience to its regulations and enactments is compulsory, and the legal and lawful remedy for the exercise of those who are in opposition thereto is by necessary subsequent action in the grand body itself. We may differ in opinion as to the wisdom of the adoption of certain laws regulating the avocation or action of those who are masons, but if a grand body in its wisdom adopts such a regulation, it becomes binding upon those under its jurisdiction. Coupled with legal enactments, follows the right to compel obedience thereto. This principle applies to *all* grand lodge legislation, and it is the duty of the grand master to maintain and uphold the dignity of the grand lodge, and enforce its lawful authority.

The foreign grand lodges are thoroughly reviewed by Bro. Charles Sackreuter.

M. : W. : William Sherer, Brooklyn, Grand Master; R. : W. : E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. B. Anthony, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1891.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 13th, 14th, and 15th, M. : W. : S. H. Smith, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-four lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-nine upon the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; nine charters restored. Membership eight thousand, four hundred, and twenty-four; gain four hundred and eighty-four. Receipts \$4,673.09.

The deaths of Bro. W. E. Anderson, grand treasurer, and Bro. J. J. Christophers, the only surviving past grand secretary, were announced.

An invitation to attend an informal reception at the executive mansion in the evening was accepted.

The report of the superintendent of the orphan asylum shows disbursements of \$21,078.69, with two hundred and ten inmates.

The grand orator sent his regrets.

The special committee appointed last year recommended that no change be made in the existing rule relating to non-affiliates, and that it be declared that a convicted mason is entitled to no masonic privileges while an appeal is pending. The report was adopted.

A proposed amendment to the code making a man who had lost one hand or foot eligible to membership was laid upon the table.

An amendment to the code was adopted as follows:

The master of a lodge can be tried by the grand lodge only as follows:

1. For offenses committed in his own jurisdiction, on charges preferred by three members of his lodge.
2. For offenses against other subordinate jurisdictions, on charges preferred by one of the principal officers and three members of said subordinate jurisdiction.
3. For offenses in the grand lodge, on charges preferred by the junior grand warden or on the order of the grand master.

The retiring grand master was presented with a suitable jewel.

The report on foreign correspondence was sent in by Bro. E. S. Martin, whom we are sorry to see declined a reappointment. Minnesota is handsomely noticed, from which we take the following:

To that grand jurisdiction we tender our sincere fraternal sympathies in the great bereavement which has befallen her. Through the able reports on correspondence which emanated from Bro. Pierson we had learned of his great ability, valuable services, and high attainments, and we treasure a deep regret that we shall greet him no more.

Bro Irving Todd presented an interesting report on correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of other grand lodges, among them North Carolina, 1889.

M. : W. : H. A. Gudger, Asheville, Grand Master; R. : W. : D. W. Bain, Raleigh, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. Martin, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1891.

The second annual communication was held at Fargo, June 16th and 17th, M. : W. : F. J. Thompson, Grand Master. Thirty-three lodges represented; thirty-four upon the roll. Our representative present.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge. Membership fifteen hundred and ninety-four; gain one hundred and four. Receipts \$1,833.25.

Ten decisions were reported at considerable length, mainly of local interest. He holds that a junior warden having removed permanently from the state may dimit, and that lodges under dispensation cannot receive members by affiliation. The committee on jurisprudence approved, but recommended that all dispensations hereafter issued contain permission to so receive members. This is a new departure, but ill advised and reprehensible.

The grand secretary announced the selection of their seal, described as follows:

Its design is a sheaf of grain hanging near a water ford; in the foreground is a tree with a ladder of seven rungs leaning against it, the three principal of which are denominated F. H. C., with a sprig of an acacia on the left.

The following dead letter legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That the master of each particular lodge be required to cause the proceedings of the grand lodge at each annual communication to be read in his lodge within three months after receipt of printed copies of the same, and that the secretary of each lodge be required to notify the grand secretary that this requirement has been complied with.

The by-laws relating to reëlection of grand treasurer and prohibiting the organization of a new lodge within twelve miles of an existing one were stricken out.

An appropriation of \$100 was made to their library.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, Minnesota for two years most ably reviewed. We quote:

The report on correspondence was from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd. It is a good one, and one we were much interested in reading.
* * * He extends fraternal greetings to North Dakota, which we as cordially return. Shake.

Commenting upon our statement that it is the duty of a grand lodge to suppress dissensions among the brethren, whether from an invasion of territory or any other cause, he says:

How great minds do change. We look back but a few years and see that this principle was flatly denied by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. We are glad to see them change, as we were never of the opinion that the entered apprentice, fellow craft, and master mason degrees were all there was in masonry, as some writers now living contended.

He probably alludes to the attempt made to establish the conservator's degree among master masons over thirty years ago, which was promptly suppressed by Bro. Pierson, then grand master. The cases, however, are very dissimilar.

Referring to our remarks upon the Indiana muddle caused by repeated resignations he asks:

Suppose they had all three died or moved to the "bad lands," would not the grand master be called upon to exercise a little common sense and see to it that that lodge was properly officered until the next session of the grand lodge?

In the event of such an improbable occurrence in Minnesota the lodge would probably be opened by one of its past masters, as authorized by our constitution.

Under Indiana he sums up the past master's degree as follows:

We believe that if this degree is properly conferred, as we took it over thirty years ago, there is much instruction that is beneficial to the worshipful master, but if conferred as we have seen it, it is worse than useless.

Again, under the heading of Idaho:

We had the pleasure of working that degree for a number of years; and, as we were taught to confer the degree, it was neither ridiculous or unmeaning, but had several beautiful moral and valuable lessons, which would be beneficial to many lodges we have visited.

A poem entitled *The Fallen Knight*, written by Bro. F. J. Thompson on being presented with a sword by an expelled mason, will be read with interest, not only in Wisconsin, but wherever the circumstances are known. We have not the heart for comment.

Bro. Wilder being afflicted with la grippe, of which we had a full share of experience, called upon the grand master for assistance; who reviews five grand lodges in his well known style, extending particular regards to Bro. Vincil, of Missouri.

M. : W. : J. F. Selby, Hillsboro, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. J. Wilder, Casselton, reëlected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1891.

The eighty-second annual communication was held at Columbus, Oct. 21st and 22d, M. : W. : L. C. Goodale, Grand Master. Four hundred and seventy-five lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-seven upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations issued for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one arrested. Membership thirty-five thousand, six hundred, and two; gain seven hundred and sixty-two. Receipts \$18,188.77.

Fifteen decisions were reported, none of general interest.

The attempted formation of another grand lodge was detailed at considerable length in the address, and fourteen of the principals in the movement expelled by the grand lodge. It grew out of the Cerneau uprising in that jurisdiction, two lodges having taken part in the insubordination. Several charters have been issued, and other alleged masonic work done. As usual the poor dupes will be the chief sufferers.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hayti was postponed for future advices.

The president of the masonic home reported that the institution had been located near the city of Springfield, and that about \$60,000 had been subscribed, including the donation of one hundred and fifty-four acres of land.

The committee on masonic history reported progress and was continued.

A committee was appointed to prepare a true copy of the ritual and place it in the custody of the grand master.

In addition to the reports of the district lecturers, the responses of the grand representatives are given in the appendices.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham presented his accustomed able report on foreign correspondence, with a fraternal review of Minnesota, from which the following is extracted:

R. : W. : Bro. Irving Todd again submitted a very interesting report on foreign correspondence, in which the proceedings of fifty-four grand bodies, including Ohio for 1890, are courteously reviewed.

He dissents from our quaker decision, holding that the use of a synonym is not an interpolation.

Under the head of Missouri is found the following comment upon the past master's degree:

The possession of this grade as a necessary qualification for the master elect of a lodge as early, at least, as 1723, has not yet been disproven, despite the many efforts therefor. On the contrary, the more thorough the investigation the more clearly it is established.

W. : W. : L. C. Goodale, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, were reëlected, both of Cincinnati. Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OREGON, 1891.

The forty-first annual communication was held at Portland, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, M. : W. : J. F. Robinson, Grand Master. Seventy-nine lodges represented; eighty four upon the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge. Membership three thousand, nine hundred, and eighteen; gain two hundred and forty-three. Receipts \$6,059.89.

Portraits of Bro. J. R. Bayley, Bro. John McCracken, and Bro. S. F. Chadwick, past grand masters, are given in the proceedings.

The deaths of Bro. A. W. Ferguson and Bro. Andrew Nashburg, past grand masters, were announced.

The decisions reported are purely of local interest. The first was overruled by the committee on jurisprudence, who held that a lodge had jurisdiction over all profanes until one year after they had removed from the state, which is not good law nor good sense.

Fraternal greetings were received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, then in session.

The practice of distributing printed circulars of grievances was declared unmasonic.

The grand secretary presented the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota duly noticed.

M. : W. : Brenham Van Dusen, Astoria, Grand Master; R. : W. : S. F. Chadwick, Salem, reelected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1891.

A fine portrait of Bro. Richard Vaux, past grand master, greets us upon opening the volume, and another of Bro. J. M. Porter, past grand master, is given in the appendices.

In addition to the quarterly communications there were several specials for dedications of halls, etc.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, M. : W. : C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master. Sixty lodges represented; three hundred and ninety-one upon the roll. Four past grand masters present, including our representative.

Membership forty one thousand, one hundred, and ninety-two; gain thirteen hundred and two. Receipts \$447,622.24.

Bro. T. R. Patton presented an additional \$25,000 to the charity fund, and received an appropriate acknowledgment in the form of resolutions unanimously adopted.

The grand master announced that he had sequestered the warrant of a lodge for dilatoriness in the trial of three of its members for belonging to the clandestine Cerneau rite, and his action was confirmed.

An edict was issued declaring the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis clandestine, and its members given ninety days to withdraw from the same.

The following are taken from the reported decisions:

An illegitimate son is disqualified for initiation into freemasonry. According to the landmark an applicant must be "the son of honest parents."

A brother must be physically qualified to perform the work of the station to which he aspires, or else he cannot be installed. A brother who has lost the greater part of the thumb of his right hand is ineligible to be installed junior warden of a lodge.

Black cubes are not lawful masonic black balls, and cannot be used as such in a lodge. Black balls, like white balls, must be round.

It was stated that all but three members of the Cerneau rite had voluntarily severed their connection therewith, and against these charges had been pending over two years.

An appropriate jewel was presented to the retiring past grand master.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Richard Vaux, nearly eleven pages being devoted to Minnesota, 1890. The following are extracts:

R. W. Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, made a short, sharp, crisp, and excellent report, for which we tender him our most fraternal thanks.

We quote from Grand Master Kiester's address the following under the caption Cerneauism. The remarks of the grand master are both important and interesting. Coming from the jurisdiction of Minnesota they have especial force. * * * Grand Master Kiester's address is a very able and interesting paper.

The following, under the heading of Mississippi, meets with our cordial approbation:

We think that a masonic home, as an institution established by and governed by and supported by a grand lodge, is of doubtful posi-

tive benefit. The very management involves questions that may, under some circumstances, produce complications. We doubt if it is a subject over which the grand lodge can best maintain final or complete authority. Masonic schools, homes, and kindred establishments seem to us to be out of the province of grand lodge duties. We do not object to such institutions, far from it; our present thought is that grand lodges are not best qualified to undertake their management and provide for their support and maintenance.

Under Oregon is found the following:

Bro. Gustaf Wilson, who was for twenty-one years grand representative from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, presented to the grand lodge seven bound volumes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This is the first practical benefit we have observed resulting from this grand representative system.

M. : W. : J. S. Africa, Grand Master; R. : W. : Michael Nisbet reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Richard Vaux, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1891.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 24th, M. : W. : J. W. Morrison, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Two past grand masters present; our representative in the grand east.

Membership five hundred and nine, a gain of three. Receipts \$245.70.

The grand lodge attended divine service in the afternoon.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Donald Darrach, Kensington, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. W. Higgs, Charlottetown, reëlected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1891.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 28th and 29th, M. : W. : J. H. Stearns, Grand Master. Fifty-three lodges represented; fifty-seven upon the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge; two lodges consolidated; one charter surrendered. Membership three thousand and sixty; gain fifty-four. Receipts \$2,355.91.

Dispensations were issued to act upon the petition of a non-resident, to pass and raise sea-going mariners and to appear in public in masonic clothing.

The grand master stated that matters between England and Quebec had not changed since the last annual communication, Bro. Walkem asking for further time.

Bro. W. P. Chambers, grand chaplain, delivered an address upon Masonry in the World.

The work of Bro. J. H. Graham in preparing a history of masonry in the province was commended to the craft, and two hundred copies subscribed for by the grand lodge.

A number of amendments to the constitution were submitted by the special committee and adopted.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Minnesota being favored by quoting the decisions in full, together with a lengthy extract from the address. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd submits a report on foreign correspondence of one hundred and thirty pages, including brief notice of Quebec for 1890. We are indebted to Bro. Todd for an extract which we print under New Jersey.

M. W. Frank Edgar, Grand Master; R. W. J. H. Isaacson reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Montreal. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1890.

A special communication was held at Providence, Sept. 23d, to lay the corner stone of a synagogue, a cut of the building appearing as a frontispiece.

The semi-annual communication was held at Providence, Nov. 18th, at which the death of Bro. Lyman Klapp, past grand master, was announced. It closed with a banquet.

The one hundredth annual communication was held at Providence, May 19th, M. : W. : G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master. Twenty-nine lodges represented; thirty-five upon the roll. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership three thousand, nine hundred, and sixty-four; gain one hundred and seven. Receipts \$2,231.75.

The salary of the grand secretary was very properly increased to \$500.

The grand lodges of New South Wales, Victoria, and North Dakota were recognized.

The committee on reprint announced the early completion of the second volume, and \$200 was appropriated for its continuance.

The special committee on centennial of grand lodge recommended that it be held June 24th, 1891, with becoming dignity.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master, and R. : W. : Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, both of Providence, were reelected.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1890.

Two special communications were held for the purpose of dedicating a hall and laying of a corner stone.

The one hundred and fourteenth annual communication was held at Anderson, Dec. 9th and 10th, M. : W. : Furman Divver, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-five lodges represented; one hundred and seventy-seven upon the roll.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one lodge revived. Membership five thousand, seven hundred, and two. Receipts \$7,067.80.

The death of Bro. A. Doty, senior grand warden, was announced.

The following extract is taken from the annual address:

There is one matter I would most earnestly call to your attention, which I consider of great interest to this grand body. It is the ab-

sence—from our annual communications of our past grand masters. These worthy brethren have served us faithfully and well in days gone by, and have acquired a vast amount of information and experience in masonic matters which I am satisfied would make their presence at our annual communications invaluable to us, but we cannot expect these brothers to lose their time from their private business and at their own expense attend our grand communications and assist us in the work without being allowed even the privilege of a vote in this grand body. I would therefore suggest that we take this matter into consideration at this communication and see if some arrangement can be made so that our worthy past grand masters will again be among the most regular attendants at the annual communications of this grand body.

The recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence to have the secret work printed in cipher and distributed at cost was stricken out from their report.

A committee consisting of the ten district deputy grand masters was appointed to consider the advisability of founding a masonic orphanage.

A duplicate was voted a lodge which had deposited its charter in a merchant's safe, the petition stating "that it had been mislaid or lost and cannot be found."

An amendment to the constitution was proposed entitling past grand masters to a vote in the grand lodge and the same pay as representatives.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota was recognized.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary and approved by the committee, Minnesota for 1890 receiving due attention.

Bro. Inglesby disagrees with the decision that the objection of an absent member has the same force as though he were present, forgetting that we have but one ballot for the degrees, and that the ruling is entirely in line with previous legislation upon the subject. It may not be good law in South Carolina, but it is sound in Minnesota.

Of the annuity to Mrs. A. T. C. Pierson he says, "It was good work, true work, noble work."

M. W. L. T. Izlar, Blackville, Grand Master; R. W. Charles Inglesby, Charleston, reelected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1891.

The seventeenth annual communication was held at Watertown, June 9th and 10th, M.: W.: T. D. Kanouse, Grand Master. Sixty-six lodges represented; seventy-four upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Four dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership three thousand, five hundred, and five; gain one hundred and nineteen. Receipts \$2,792.50.

The death of Bro. G. H. Hand, past grand master and our representative, was announced. His portrait appears as a frontispiece.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, but not that of New Zealand.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. William Blatt. From the review of Minnesota we take the following:

The report on correspondence is again by Bro. Irving Todd. Under Dakota he asks us to explain, and we will. The grand lodge met in 1880 at Yankton. We were present. Three or four masters elect wanted to receive the past master's degree. They made the request in grand lodge. The latter was at the time a thin body, and had by an extra effort secured a quorum to enable her to hold her annual. Everybody requested everybody else to perform the desired feat. We had only a short time previous "passed the chair" in the chapter and the ceremony, *impressive as it was*, had not yet faded from our recollection. We had then never been master of a lodge, but could think of no good reason at that time why we should not, being requested, perform the duty, and did it. We have often since smiled over the occurrence, and the same smile regularly recurs when we read in the proceedings of grand lodges this so-called degree raising a tempest.

Bro. Wilder, of North Dakota, thus comments upon the episode:

Well, we would liked to have been there and heard him do something he did not know how to do. We have met him on many occasions and under some trying circumstances, but never that he could not find his way out, but this must have been a stunner.

Further extracts are taken as follows:

That certain fixed principles of the institution exist and must remain fixed is true, but that its rites, forms, and ceremonies are changeable,

and have been changed, is likewise true. There is more or less diversity between every jurisdiction, and very material differences in form between very many of them. Changes have been adopted, others crept in repeatedly, and while we agree that masonry shall not be made so flexible as to meet the desires of every applicant, yet we believe the affirmation of the quaker to be as binding upon him and as sufficient for the craft as our oath. That the declaration of the grand master is disproved by the acts of his own grand lodge is evidenced by the fact. that he was appointed a special committee to prepare and report at the next communication of the grand lodge work and ritual of past master degree as required in Minnesota.

There were thirteen lodges under dispensation who received charters. There are now one hundred and eighty-five lodges, and seventy-two is the average membership. This is a strong showing, and probably the best among the western grand lodges.

Under the head of Canada is found the following:

An amendment is proposed, that the business of a lodge should be conducted by master masons only, and in that degree. While the vast majority of nearly all grand lodges have long since adopted this regulation we have ever deemed said change an innovation ever to be regretted, and one which has almost overthrown what we deem a cardinal principle of the institution, to-wit, that an entered apprentice is to all intents and purposes a mason.

Under Illinois he thus takes issue with Bro. Robbins:

The grand lodge being a supreme masonic power, a power absolute, possesses all the rights she desires to arrogate to herself or to exercise. If this power is denied, the whole foundation upon which the grand lodge system rests must fall to the ground. If she possesses these rights, as we believe she does, then there can be but one other question. Was it right and politic to exercise it? Ohio and Iowa did this too late. Massachusetts and others, by timely action, escaped the storm. We were of the Robbins school in this matter until the danger threatened. Extreme cases require extreme measures, and we believe that the cause fully justified the means, and that the grand lodges in question did not step one iota beyond legal masonic bounds. We believe, further, in blind loyalty to the grand lodge as the first duty of every mason, and by lawful means only, and within the body itself endeavor to right real or apparent wrongs. Right ever has and ultimately always will prevail.

The following is taken from his conclusion:

Yet we may assert without fear of contradiction that the reports on correspondence now almost universally published in this country have furnished that vital force which has elevated to the present very high standard the institution of masonry.

M. . W. . G. A. Johnston, Mitchell, Grand Master; R. . W. . C. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1891.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 28th, 29th, and 30th, R. . W. . W. S. Smith as Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and seven upon the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Three dispensations issued for new lodges by the acting grand master, and nine more recommended by the committee on dispensations. Two charters arrested and one surrendered. Membership sixteen thousand, seven hundred, and forty-three; gain five hundred and eighty-eight. Receipts \$13,016.30.

The death of Bro. B. F. Haller, grand master, was announced, and a lodge of sorrow held as a tribute to his memory. He was one of only four who had presided over all the grand bodies in that jurisdiction. The loss is a national one.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. G. C. Connor, whose spicy reports in another grand body we have been reading for several years with considerable interest. Our proceedings for 1890 are dissected like the corpse of a pauper at a clinic, and from the fragments is extracted the following:

The address of Grand Master Kiester is a remarkable paper. Evidently he sat down to write a message, as he is pleased to call his production, unto the masons of Minnesota, and he wrote it strongly, profusely, and carefully. He starts out with a paragraph of very important information, rhetorically, not masonically, speaking.

An elaborate eulogium is pronounced on Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, deceased, the friend of this writer during a quarter of a century, and one of the most useful men the fraternity has known.

As this reviewer has not the constitution and regulations of Minnesota before him he is unable to do more than give the following remarkable paragraph from the message. * * * From this it does not appear that the Grand Master of Minnesota is endowed with the veto power, but he has a more exalted right, and that is to change the deliberate legislation of the grand lodge, and a very dangerous right it is.

It was only a model form of by-laws for subordinate lodges which the grand master was referring to, and his reasons for making a few slight alterations were satisfactorily explained in the address, as the brother would have observed upon a more careful reading.

If the brother had a copy of our regulations at his elbow he would not have criticised the fourth decision quite so sharply nor asked "why *must*, a dimit be granted?" With us lodge membership is purely voluntary, any member other than the master or wardens having the right to dimit at pleasure provided his dues are paid and there are no charges pending. This is not claimed as a landmark; it is a decision approved twenty-one years ago, and a sufficient answer to his question. While our constitution says that "it is the duty of every mason to be a contributing member of some lodge," the grand lodge itself does not attempt to enforce the implied obligation.

From the comments upon our Cerneau legislation one would naturally infer that the subject is a tender one in that jurisdiction. It has ceased to be an issue in Minnesota, that "wedge of dissension" failing to stick.

The following requires an explanation:

Bro. Irving Todd made the report on correspondence. It is this committee's idea of an instructive, interesting, masonic paper, and we have read it with more than ordinary pleasure. We abominate that mental inertia which eternally moans for a scissors. It is a pity, however, that Bro. Todd calls the past deputy grand master of Ohio, whom Tennessee desired to have represent us in Ohio, a "prominent Cerneau," when the printed record showed him that said brother is a member of the Palmer Rite, in good standing.

At that writing we had no knowledge of the individuality concerned in the unpleasant affair, the name not being given, but relied entirely upon the habit acquired while attending school in Connecticut way back in the fifties. Neither was the guess a bad one after all, for it since appears that the brother in question, while not actually a member of the clandestine organization, has been most prominent in its crusade against established authority. He may be in good standing in the Palmer Rite, whatever that may be, but clearly is not as a master mason.

The able report closes with a variety of matter interesting to the fraternity at large.

M. : W. : W. S. Smith, Ebenezer, Grand Master; R. : W. : John Frizzell, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. C. Connor, Chattanooga, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1890.

The fifty-fifth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 9th, 10th, and 11th, M. : W. : A. S. Richardson, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-six lodges represented; five hundred and forty-three upon the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Twelve dispensations for new lodges issued; one charter arrested. Statistics not given. Receipts \$15,257.90.

The deaths of Bro. G. W. Van Vleck and Bro. William Stedman, past grand masters, were announced.

Thirty-six decisions were reported, most of them being repetitions of former rulings.

The question of the divine authenticity of the Bible is discussed at considerable length in the address, the closing paragraph being as follows:

Hence it would seem to follow that if the doctors of divinity themselves, those upon whom the church has devolved the duty of determining the question, have not, with all their profound learning and opportunities of research, been able to agree among themselves as to the exact text of revelation as originally given, or to protect it from error in translation, it would ill become masonry, which does not profess to be either learned or dogmatic, and which at last gets its Bible from the church, to undertake to prescribe the exact measure of faith required in its contents, and that its full duty to itself and to its membership is discharged when it simply holds its neophyte to a belief in a great creator and father of us all and to a recognition of a revelation of his divine will as being embraced within the volume which it lays before him as its great light; with the imposed injunction, however, that whatever doubts he may entertain as to any special feature of that volume he shall, under penalty, keep those doubts to himself, and not by their ventilation seek to unsettle the faith of others.

The grand secretary reports that the reduction in size has saved nearly \$900 in printing and mailing their proceedings as

compared with the previous year; if the two hundred pages in fine print of members' names were likewise omitted more than that amount could be covered into their treasury and no one be the loser. In that event perhaps he could afford to give a recapitulation for the benefit of all concerned.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of 'New Zealand was deferred for further proof of regularity in organization.

The committee on condition of masonry in Mexico reported that a central grand lodge had been organized at the capital, that the state grand lodges were generally submitting to its authority, that the interdiction of communication be repealed, leaving it for the border lodges to determine as to visitation and masonic intercourse. Their report was adopted.

Bro. T. M. Matthews again submitted the report on foreign correspondence, fraternally reviewing Minnesota for 1890, from which we quote:

The grand master, in very tender and affectionate words, records the death, Nov. 26th, 1889, of R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, past grand master and grand secretary. He presided over the grand lodge for eight consecutive years, and afterwards, for nearly fifteen years, was its grand secretary. A good man has fallen, and he will be sadly missed by his brethren and immediate associates. He was buried by the grand lodge, convened for that purpose, with masonic honors.

The report on correspondence was presented by R. W. Bro. Irvin Todd, upon whose shoulders, it appears, fell the mantle of the lamented Bro. Pierson, and right worthily does he wear it. Texas for 1888 receives a very kindly, courteous notice.

My name is Thos. M., not F. M. Take due notice and let it be so in the future, Bro. T.

An appropriate apology is herewith tendered; we did not see the proof of the concluding portion of our first report, hence are not responsible for a number of annoying blunders afterwards found therein. As Bro. M. calls us Irvin honors are easy on this score.

Under the head of Alabama is found the following explanation:

We would like to give it the extended notice it well merits and copy some of the many good things it contains. But our grand lodge has this year put a "hobble" on us, either because we have heretofore

written too much, or what we write is not worth the money it takes to print it, or in the interest of economy. It was determined that retrenchment must be made somewhere in getting up the proceedings, and the correspondence report being the most worthless, and therefore of least use, we have been muzzled to attain the end in view.

M. · W. · G. W. Tyler, Belton, Grand Master; R. · W. · W. F. Swain, Houston, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1891.

Two special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The twentieth annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 20th and 21st, M. · W. · A. M. Grant, Grand Master. The seven lodges all represented. Nine past grand masters, including our representative, were present.

Membership four hundred and sixty-eight; a gain of ten. Receipts \$1,519.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The grand master decided that a blank ballot is not a vote, and that the master of a lodge has a right to vote as a member, and again in case of a tie.

The report of the librarian showed an increase in the masonic department of eighty-one volumes, the total being one thousand. A plan was adopted of turning over the miscellaneous books to a general library association, as recommended by the committee. This is a commendable solution of the knotty problem.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, that of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand being deferred.

The report on correspondence was presented by the grand secretary, his seventeenth annual, Minnesota for 1890 receiving a due share of his fraternal attention. We copy the following:

The sprig of acacia we dropped on the mount under which Bro. Pierson sleeps last year may have faded ere this, but his genial face, his warm heart, and true friendship will remain in our memory until we shall have joined him in the great hereafter. May he rest sweetly.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Irving Todd. The mantle of Bro. Pierson could not have fallen upon a more qualified reporter than Bro. Todd, whose first love is masonry and who is as familiar with masonic law as any mason in the land. Having corresponded with him for many years we know that he is a masonic student, and that he is an able and competent masonic writer is sufficiently proved by his maiden report. Utah for 1890 was on his table and receives fraternal notice. We hope to meet him again.

Bro. Diehl does not agree with the decision in relation to objection to advancement by an absent member, holding that he must be present to cast the black ball. With us an objection is equivalent to rejection before initiation and to arrest progress in either of the remaining degrees. See Digest, pp. 73-77.

M. : W. : W. G. Van Horne, Grand Master; R. : W. : Christopher Diehl reelected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on correspondence; both of Salt Lake City.

VERMONT, 1891.

The ninety-eighth annual communication was held at Burlington, June 10th and 11th, M. : W. : G. W. Wing, Grand Master. Ninety-five lodges represented; one hundred and one upon the roll. Five past grand masters present and our representative.

Membership eight thousand, six hundred, and sixty eight; gain one hundred and ninety-one. Receipts \$3,194.40.

A fine portrait of the retiring grand master faces the title page.

Bro. Dan Lyon, past grand treasurer and the oldest past grand officer now living, was presented and received with the private grand honors.

The deaths of Bro. L. B. Soper, grand tyler, and Bro. J. B. Hollenbeck, past grand secretary, were announced. The latter was over ninety-nine years old, and had been a mason since 1814.

The order of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England was vacated in view of the prospective amicable adjustment of the differences existing between that body and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The past master's degree was conferred upon five brethren at the request of the grand master.

Bro. M. C. Perkins prepared the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota receiving over two pages of careful comment, from which the following extracts are taken:

With the death of three noble craftsmen in less than a twelvemonth — Pierson, Brown, and Benton — Minnesota has indeed been sorely afflicted, and Vermont, mourning the loss of two of her own sons in that great trio, sincerely and deeply sympathizes with her sorrowing sister of the northwest.

A creditable report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd, who notices Vermont very briefly.

Under the head of Illinois he reaches out for Bro. Robbins:

And then he calmly says he is not a "defender of Cerneauism." He reminds us of the old fellow who d — d his wife, his children, and everybody and everything around him, and, when remonstrated with by his pastor, mildly remarked, "I know it's awful wicked, parson, but then it's mighty soothin' to the feelin's."

M. : W. : D. M. Bacon, St. Johnsbury Center, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. M. C. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1890.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 9th, 10th, and 11th, M. : W. : R. T. Craighill, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-three lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-eight upon the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Ten dispensations issued for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership nine thousand, nine hundred, and thirty; gain five hundred and thirty. Receipts \$5,379.66.

The grand master ruled that a term of service as master of a lodge under dispensation, no matter how long, would not render the brother a past master; that the members of such a lodge are

not liable to their former lodges for dues; and that the wardens in regular order have all the powers of a master during his absence, temporary or otherwise.

The board of governors of the masonic home reported the gift of a dwelling and forty-four acres of land two miles outside of the city from Bro. A. G. Babcock, president of the institution, which was dedicated and opened on St. John's Day, and upon which it is proposed to erect an imposing brick structure. There are seven inmates. An appropriation of \$500 was made by the grand lodge.

The building committee reported that the temple remained unfinished by reason of a great delay in obtaining stone, but that it was expected to be completed during 1891.

There was no report on foreign correspondence owing to the illness of Bro. W. F. Drinkard, chairman of the committee, and in its place was substituted the history of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, by Bro. S. J. Quinn, an interesting paper of great historical value. In this lodge George Washington was initiated, Nov. 4th, 1752, his entrance fee being £2,3s. He was passed Mar. 3d, and raised Aug. 4th, 1753. The early records show that the royal arch degree was conferred; that fines of one shilling were collected for swearing an oath and non-attendance upon regular meetings; that two large demijohns labeled Jachin and Boaz and filled with rum and gin were kept in the ante room for many years. During the late war the lodge room was pillaged, the records of a century and all of the pictures, escutcheons of deceased members, jewels, furniture, and other paraphernalia ruthlessly carried off or destroyed. Fortunately the first record book and ledger, the Bible upon which Washington was obligated, and the old charters from Scotland and Virginia were removed by Bro. William Ware to Danville, and preserved in the vault of a bank of which he was cashier. Since that time the lodge banner, a collar and apron, four volumes of a magazine, a gavel, two jewels, and a sash have been returned, having fallen into the hands of members of the fraternity.

The lodge has now engaged in the erection of a Washington Masonic Memorial Temple, for which donations are being solicited.

M. W. J. H. Wayt, Staunton, Grand Master; R. W. W. B. Isaacs reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. F. Drinkard, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of Richmond.

WASHINGTON, 1891.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Seattle, June 9th, 10th, and 11th, M. W. J. E. Edmiston, Grand Master. Sixty lodges represented; sixty-two upon the roll. Eleven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Eight dispensations for new lodges issued. Membership three thousand, six hundred, and forty-nine; gain five hundred and sixty-seven. Receipts \$8,846.

A portrait of the retiring grand master is given as a frontispiece.

The grand master decided that a member who had been suspended for non-payment of dues must petition the lodge in writing for reinstatement; that a man who had lost an eye can be made a mason; that a druggist who sells liquor by the drink is not eligible to the degrees in masonry; that a lodge under dispensation can affiliate members and perform the funeral ceremony; that a man who has lost his leg at the knee is not eligible to receive the degrees; that a lodge can receive the petition of a saloon keeper for affiliation; that a lodge cannot receive the petition of a railroad man who has no place of residence. The committee on jurisprudence demurred to the second, but the decision was sustained by the grand lodge.

A beautiful and highly polished gavel, the head of cedar from Mount Lebanon and the handle of olive wood from the Mount of Olives, was presented to the grand master in behalf of a brother who had it made while on a recent visit to Jerusalem. Also a trowel to be used in laying the corner stone of their masonic temple, which was accomplished in due and ancient form, Bro. J. M. Taylor, grand orator, delivering an eloquent address.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The matter of appointing a committee to confer with other grand lodges with a view of holding a masonic congress at Chicago in 1893 was postponed until the next annual communication.

The grand secretary prepared the report on correspondence, from which is taken the following from his review of Minnesota:

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report on correspondence, one hundred and fifty-five pages, and his work was ably performed, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four grand lodges.

M. : W. : Thomas Amos, Colfax, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is likewise chairman of the committee on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1890.

A number of special communications were held for masonic purposes.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Charleston, Nov. 11th and 12th, M. : W. : Frank Burt, Grand Master. Eighty-six lodges represented; eighty-seven upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges and one continued. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and seventy-nine; gain two hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$3,413.

Portraits and biographies of Bro. J. M. Hamilton, grand master, and Bro. W. H. H. Fflick, past grand master, are given in the proceedings.

The following are among the decisions reported:

1. Lodges under dispensation cannot give dimits, affiliate masons, nor collect dues. Their powers are defined in the dispensation itself.
2. A lodge in this jurisdiction is competent to receive the petition of a bona fide resident, without regard to any stated period of residence. This decision simply utters the situation as it exists. I am of opinion that the laws of this grand body should state a period of one year at least.
3. It is not lawful for a lodge to receive the petition of a profane who has been rejected, unless by the consent of the lodge in which the rejection was made; nor can said lodge give such consent until one year after such rejection.

4. A master mason in good standing may affiliate with any lodge that will admit him. If rejected he may renew his petition for membership to the same lodge or petition any other lodge as often as he thinks proper so to do. His standing as a mason is not affected, nor are his rights abridged by being rejected on application for membership. His dimit should always accompany his petition.

5. A person who has a deformity on right shoulder blade next the back, of the size of a beef heart, who walks erect and is not hindered because of such deformity from gaining a livelihood is eligible, and his petition for the mysteries of masonry may be received.

6. The past master's degree is not conferred upon the stationed officers of a lodge under dispensation, neither is there any other ceremony pertaining to installation; they are not installed.

9. A mason residing in Ohio may be admitted to membership in any lodge in this jurisdiction. His lodge being extinct, then his certificate from the Grand Lodge of Ohio is a voucher of the same character as a dimit and may be so received.

12. A person whose right leg is three inches shorter than the left, being in all other respects eligible, should not be debarred from receiving the degrees if elected; since such defect in no way hinders him from practicing the precepts and complying with the ritual.

13. A person who had lost the second and third joints of forefinger of right hand, leaving a stub protruding either long or short is eligible. If the first or knuckle joint is destroyed he is not eligible. The finger being dislocated or disjoined at the first or knuckle joint, thus leaving a part joint at the knuckle, he may be initiated.

14. Neither the worshipful master nor wardens can tell to any brother how many cubes are in the box against a candidate for initiation. It is the positive duty of the master to check all inquiry concerning the ballot after it is taken and the result announced.

17. A lodge under dispensation cannot perform the ceremonies of masonic burial.

Number twelve ran against a snag in the jurisprudence committee and was not approved; thirteen should have gone with it.

Twenty-eight pages are wasted in printing the report of the special committee on by-laws, and sixty-eight more with the names of members.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred.

Bro. Atkinson apologizes for the briefness of his report on foreign correspondence, owing to congressional duties, but having retired to private life will now resume business at the old stand;

glad of it. A couple of pages are devoted to the Minnesota decisions of 1890, without comment. We quote:

The annual address of Grand Master J. A. Kiester is far above the average productions of the kind.

Bro. Irving Todd wrote an excellent report on correspondence. West Virginia is not discussed. We suppose our proceedings failed to connect.

M. : W. : J. M. Hamilton, Grantsville, Grand Master; R. : W. : G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, reelected Grand Secretary; the latter is the committee on foreign correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1891.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 9th, 10th, and 11th, M. : W. : N. M. Littlejohn, Grand Master. Two hundred lodges represented; two hundred and seventeen upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations issued for new lodges. Membership thirteen thousand, eight hundred, and ninety-one; gain two hundred and fifty-three. Receipts \$7,304.06.

The death of Bro. J. H. Rountree, past grand treasurer and warden, was announced. He was made a mason in 1828, and took an active part in the organization of the grand lodge.

Fifteen decisions were reported, of purely local interest.

Fourteen special dispensations were issued, allowing the use of lodge rooms by the order of the Eastern Star. The grand master says:

Not being a member of that order I am not well qualified to speak of the probable results of its introduction into our state. I have in some instances observed that the organization of a chapter of the Eastern Star has been followed by an awakened interest in masonry. If its introduction shall have the effect to remove the prejudice and objection to our order, often entertained by the gentle sex, its influence will be beneficial. If our efforts to care for the needy and to relieve the unfortunate can be supplemented by the tender care and refining influence of woman additional good may be accomplished.

The matter of creating a permanent charity fund was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Duncan McGregor presented his fifth report on correspondence, Minnesota very favorably noticed. We extract the following:

Bro. Irving Todd gives us his second report on correspondence. He has very little preliminary and nothing in conclusion to say, but attacks his subject in a business-like way. There are one hundred and thirty-five pages in his report, all well written. Bro. Todd quotes with judgment, gives his own views modestly but clearly, in short takes advanced rank among the brethren of the quill.

M. : W. : N. M. Littlejohn, Whitewater, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. Duncan McGregor, Platteville, committee on correspondence.

WYOMING, 1891.

A special communication was held at Sundance, Oct. 8th, to lay the corner stone of a church.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Cheyenne, Dec. 2d, M. : W. : L. S. Barnes, Grand Master. Ten lodges represented; twelve upon the roll. Two past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership six hundred and fifty; gain nineteen. Receipts \$820.

The grand master held that in case of an applicant for initiation who refused, through fright, to submit to the ceremonies of preparation his name should be dropped and the money refunded.

The grand lodges of North Dakota and Tasmania were recognized.

The report on correspondence was the handiwork of the grand secretary, who very favorably notices Minnesota for 1890. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd, for the committee, presented the report on correspondence, in which Wyoming receives due and fraternal notice. Our brother's explanations in answer to our comments in report of 1888 are good, and we are pleased to notice therein the rule or law in Minnesota and Wyoming is the same in regard to a candidate be-

coming a member of a certain lodge. Nearly if not all the jurisdictions in the west and northwest have the same law. * * * We congratulate our brother on his success as a reviewer.

The following is taken from under the head of Illinois:

In answer will again state that we do not belong to what our brother denominates the high riters, and we perfectly agree that the grand lodge is not the proper arena for such quarrels, and that is exactly the reason we believe in forestalling any and everything that is liable to make our grand lodge such arena. At present we are at peace among ourselves and with all masons, also with high riters, and we believe the safe way to maintain peaceful relations all around is to prevent the introduction of Cerneauism into this state by prohibiting any connection therewith by craft masons holding direct allegiance to our grand lodge. It is better to prohibit before than be compelled to do so afterwards.

M.: W.: E. A. Abry, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. L. Kuykendall reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Cheyenne. The latter is chairman of the committee on correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,
For the Committee.

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